



go **GET** some food
look at me, look at me

get my own
your own beat
pre-lunch aroma

worth **A** second glance
high five
turn up the volume
sweaty uniforms

it's a piece of cake
just **HOLD** me close
loud and clear

savor the moment
focus

OF
the chlorine-scented air
yuck

silent but deadly

YOUR signature scent
how sweet it is
see where it takes you

stay by my side
finishing touches

expand the **SENSES**



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GET A HOLD OF YOUR SENSES



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HOLD

**When thoughts and
values are mixed up,
sometimes the best**

way to get it **OF**

all together is to sit

still for a moment

and just breathe.

YOUR

SENSES.



Lunch is the time of day most students look forward to. Senior Francis Dranchak feels that the quality of lunch food has appreciated over his tenure through high school! ~Affection is the key to conveying appreciation to those who are dear to your heart. Senior Sara Lindsay offers a kiss on the cheek to her little brother Brian. ~A STEADY HAND AND PRECISE CONCENTRATION IS A NECESSARY SKILL FOR FRESHMAN TRISHA SABOCIK. HER TALENT FOR ILLUSTRATIONS IS DEMONSTRATED AS SHE SKETCHES A PICTURE FOR HER DRAWING CLASS. ~Orchestra brings out senior Holly Granzow's passion for music. She has been playing the violin for six years now, consistently perfecting her ability on the instrument in order to produce the richest sound.

THE year began with a powerful,
 life-changing event that made the entire
 student body, as well as the rest of the
 world, take a desperately needed step
 back in effort to carefully examine the
 aspects in life that hold significance.
 Students received the opportunity to look
 upon their daily routines more objectively
 in order to make the most out of their
 lives. Finally, they received clarity after
 enduring the superficialities of life and
 gained a raw vision of what genuinely
 matters. After experiencing an awakening,
 students endeavor to get a hold of their
 senses and attempt to harvest each and
 every glorious *MOMENT*.



Matthew Fejes .11



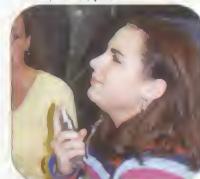
Ashley Liebig .9
Stephanie Satka .10



Kara Gibson .12



Emily Hursey .12
Frank Nimeth .12



Nicole Fernandez .11

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I was in the band hall, being one of the only upper classman in the class due to the "I-STEP". What seemed to be an uneventful day of poker and paper football, dramatically changed when Mr. Symer stormed into the room face red and serious,

HAROLD MORGAN, 13

turned on the TV, to reveal something I'd never seen before and something I hope never to see again.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL, some words, phrases, and images will remind us forever of a date that will never be forgotten.

Firefighters, patriotism, the American flag, heroes, give blood, World Trade Center, grounded flights, tighter security, Taliban, Osama Bin Laden, Terror Attacks, holy war, coverage, planes, Pentagon was hit, Pennsylvania cornfield, ash, memorials, 80% support to Bush, everyone's a suspect, the economy took a blow...



White House photos by Paul Morse



LAND OF THE FREE, Watching the towers level over and over again engraved an image into the minds of Americans. The country finally realized how lucky it was. While homeland security became a federal issue, a nation under attack zoned in on New York and felt obliged to make donations. After The Pentagon was hit, the country was faced with a never-considered question: How much sacrifice is too much for the safety of America?

World Considerate Teens Inspire
To Think On A Different Level

Japan Buys Our Babies passes the torch

People do admit, they come to the Variety Show simply to see the tradition of interpretive dance worked up by Patrick Thurber and Eric Rivera. The catchy propaganda phrase offers a chance for students to consider a different perspective. For those that have not seen this team in business, Japan Buys Our Babies can be described as a musical stew made up of 1940's jump swing jazz, traditional 1976 era rollerskating jams and of course to make it all come together, European experimental electronic music, traditional children sing-along songs and tribal chants that tell scary stories.

Photo by Jennifer Neich

Donated by
Eric Rivera



Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, J.B.O.B. sheds its skin and rises anew, passing the torch to a whole new troop. Eric Rivera and Patrick Thurber are happy that [the legacy of] J.B.O.B. can continue for the next four years and hopefully beyond.

Patrick Thurber Educates:

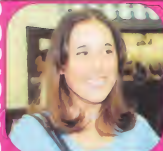
I studied the subtle art and technical fundamentals of sound compression on the internet last night...It was really boring. Compression in a nutshell makes loud things soft and soft things loud.



Donated by Mr. James Samuel

FIRE UP... "I [heard that I] was nominated by a 1997 Portage graduate, Elizabeth Orsolini Ternet. It was an honor just to be nominated. However, in October, I received a letter saying I had been selected to carry the Olympic Torch as it made its way across the [US] on its way to [SLC] and the XIX Winter Olympic Games. I actually carried the Torch at 8 AM on January 5, 2002 in Evanston, Illinois. I ran about 1/4 mile with the Olympic Flame. It was a great experience, which made me feel like a "little kid." There were many people lining the street and cheering as I followed the escort vehicles to pass the Flame to another runner. I stayed and talked to many people who had come out on a cold morning to get a glance of the Olympic Flame and the Torch. I was somewhat of a celebrity for one morning...I was fortunate to be chosen and feel I was only a representative of all of the outstanding educators in the Portage schools." Mr. Samuel would like to thank those from Portage who traveled to Evanston to cheer for him during his Olympic moment.

The world came together regardless of tragedy, to celebrate life. Sarah Hughes and the snowboarders surprised viewers with sweeping wins, while nothing beat the cold like the returning skeleton: defying death in a "cool" way. The Games ended with icy new speed and Canada's smiling hockey face.



"It was crap when they took Resource Hour away in the first place. I use it to do homework."

—Samantha Weinman, JR.



"It sucks because Resource Hour is a waste of time. Nobody uses it wisely."

—Richard Krieg, JR.



"I like Resource Hour because it gives me a chance to catch up on subjects that are giving me trouble."

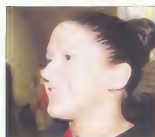
—Kayla Rawdon, JR.



"Resource Hour gives me a chance to write to my girlfriend and sleep."

—Songa Brubaker, JR.

How has the closing of local steel mills affected your life?



"My dad got laid off from work. Even though he has a degree, he is having a tough time finding a job because the economy is so bad."

Samantha Weinman . . . 12



"My grandma got laid off from Bethlehem Steel after she'd worked there for over twenty years. Now her boyfriend has to support her."

Richard Krieg . . . 12



"The students and teachers are forced to suffice without the school funding the steel mills once provided."

Kayla Rawdon . . . 12

COMMUNITY CLINIC health academy

It all began in late November when many students were alarmed to see a crew of construction workers laboring outside the school's courtyard. "I didn't know what was going on at first, but later I learned that there were plans to build a new community clinic," said senior Songa Brubaker. The new clinic houses doctors, nurse practitioners, and other medical specialists all in an effort to better accommodate the health needs of students and the Portage Township community. In addition, the new health clinic includes a health academy that houses health vocationals.



the cafeterias get a



Do Not Move!

The administrators have become sticklers about moving chairs to different tables.

Apparently, the chairs are now cemented to the floor.



Is This A Cafe?

The new canopies over the entrance ways really jazzed up the cafeteria atmosphere.



True Blue

Blue carpeting replaced the red and orange checkered flooring of yesteryear. The only problem is that stains and wet spots are more noticeable now.

new MAKEOVER

ONE WOULD IMAGINE THAT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITH THE EXACT SAME DECOR IS A LITTLE EXTREME. IN RESPONSE TO THE TIMEWORN CARPETING, AS WELL AS THE ANTIQUATED TABLES AND CHAIRS, THE ADMINISTRATION AGREED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THE CAFETERIAS TO EXPERIENCE A NEW, MORE FASHIONABLE CHANGE. THE CAFETERIAS WERE BATHED IN A PLEASING, LIGHT BLUE HUE THAT HAD A CALMING EFFECT WHILE THICK BURBER CARPETING RAN FROM WALL TO WALL. UPDATED TABLES AND CHAIRS REPLACED THE OLD, WOBBLY ONES THE STUDENT BODY WAS FORCED TO ENDURE WITH FOR SO LONG. LASTLY, CHIQUE CANOPIES COVERED ALL CAFETERIA FOOD LINES, ADDING A NICE TOUCH OF STYLE.



Venue



Photo by Becky Anders

Linzee Gear, 12: I heard about The Venue from Ed Roseberry, who was holding a show. I keep going because I can get away from school and still see my school friends. Once I heard girls screaming in the dorm rooms across the street...dorks.



Donated by Tristan

"Afterward," so he understood this to them. The owners told Trissan about the upcoming music venue and said they were interested in Frisan's band doing a show. Since they speak, he had less performed reformed to say himself as a Muslim ethnic band's leader.

Comic books

Indiana



photo by Becky Anders

I love the movies
It's my favorite
place to go. You
can go there and
escape into this
world about anything
in your life for a good
time when I turn 18.
and get my own video

The Crocodile Hunter
 Mobfather (an internet game)
 Fear Factor
 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire
 Survivor
 Nick at Nite
 WB show
 Simpsons
 The Real World
 The Cosby Show
 Seinfeld
 Madonna

Penguin Suits

Louis' Tux Shop
pays senior
Michael Supp to
display the latest
prom fashion.



Tight 'n' Bright

Vibrant colored
spandex has
always been a
favorite for senior
Jeffrey Jones.



Comfy Queen

Nothing is more
comfortable than
a pair of scrubs
and an old t-shirt.
Just ask senior
Randi Leggett.



fads
evolve

Teens Display Style

Many upperclassmen are able to look back on the styles they displayed as freshman and marvel at how their fashion sense has evolved. "I remember when I was a freshman I used to wear a lot of things that had butterflies on them," said senior Elizabeth Collins. Many people have admitted to a change in the way they dress as opposed to their underclassmen years. "I think the 'look' of the clothes I wear now has matured a lot since then," remarked Collins. Conversely, there are students who's level of fashion conscientiousness has depreciated as they climbed up the totem pole of classmen. "When I was a freshman, I put a lot of effort into making sure I always looked good. Now that I'm a senior I could care less how I look at school. I still get ready if I'm going out somewhere, though." The majority of upperclassmen have experienced a change in the way they dress, or a change in their attitude regarding the importance of their appearance since their freshman days of yore.

Top 6 Fashions

I look at glitter jeans and think:
Wow! Her butt is shiny!
The length of dusters makes them
really freaky looking. They remind
me of robes.



I like the long, unkempt hair better
because it is more natural looking. I
don't like the hard hair look.
Hoop earrings make some girls look
like Jennifer Lopez. It's a really hot
look.



Jean skirts look too Pentecostal.
They make girls' butts look saggy.



I don't care how one strap
bookbags look. They don't hurt my
shoulders as much.

Free! BEAUTY ADVICE

*****for students by students*****



A good haircut is essential because hair is the first thing the opposite sex looks at. I cut mine three days a week.



Never go to bed without washing off your makeup. You get a lot of zits that way. Also make sure to moisturize.



Shower daily. It doesn't matter how you look, as long as you're clean. So fresh and so clean.



Pluck your eyebrows because straggly eyebrows make you look like you don't care about your appearance.

Decoding

THE LINGO

LATE	see ya later
THAT'S WEAK	uncool
SUP	what is up?
STOOF	a stupid person
DUDE!	hey!; a reference to another person
JUST CHILLIN'	hanging out with friends or by oneself
DOPEY	someone who says weird, ditz things
SWEET	extremely cool
TRASH	a person who lacks in moral values
GHETTOFIED	trashy, slovenly
WICKED	an awesome experience
RIIIGHT	whatever someone just said is dumb
BUTTERFACE	everything is attractive "but her face"
AIGHT	alright; fine with me
TIGHT	sounds good to me; sharp-looking
A BEAST	a very muscular person
SIDELOVE	excess fat around the waist
SWEETIE	an extremely considerate person
THEY'RE MARRIED	a couple that is always together
GET A ROOM	go somewhere else and make-out
CLOSET PLAYA	a person who dates many girls at once without anyone knowing about it.

are you

?TOO STRESSED?

When you wake up in the morning, one of the first feelings that comes to your mind is

During the school day, you can be found.

After school, you

- eagerness. You are eager to embrace the day and all of the little treasures it brings.
- tired. You should have come home from your boyfriend/girlfriend's earlier last night.
- dread. With all of the things that have yet to be accomplished, you don't know how you'll ever get it all done.

- at home.
- staying after for a meeting or a sport practice.
- bouncing around from meeting to meeting to practice to work, and finally home.

- walk down the hallways with a bounce in your step, greeting your friends with a warm smile.
- hang out with friends between classes.
- run between classrooms trying to get goals accomplished.

Mostly it's how the word "stress" means anything to you? Your escapist attitude keeps you carefree. However, your lack of involvement prevents you from achieving any real sense of direction or purpose.

Mostly it's how you handle stress well because you know how to adequately balance work and fun. You are still escapist enough to have fun, but you also know when to take things seriously.

Mostly it's when there's taking on too many activities certainly makes you a highly accomplished person, but when these accomplishments suck the fun out of your high school experience, you need to examine your involvements more objectively.

Fall Homecoming

IN the midst of the September eleventh frigidities, many fans showed their support for the U.S.A. as well as for **P.H.S.**

TO show their support for the team, seniors Christina Vega and Jeffrey Jones participate in Spirit Week, specifically "Crazy Hair/Glitch DAY."



VARSITY and J.V. came together before the game when they rode on the float in the traditional Homecoming **PARADE.**

THE Homecoming Queen Nominees stood proudly after senior Ashley Plummer was named the winner. Plummer was escorted by Mr. Football, senior Kristopher **KARAGORY.**





THE game is a time for friends to hang out and socialize. Here, a group of junior girls grabbed some hot cocoa and watched the game **TOGETHER.**

THE cheerleaders braved the chilly fall weather to support the Indians, and as always, excite the **CROWD.**



What is your favorite part of Homecoming?



"Homecoming is cool because there is something for everyone to be involved in. It's not just a student council thing."

-JEFFREY Jones... 12

-ELIZABETH cooper... 11



"I enjoy the actual game. Even if you don't like football, it's nice to just hang out with your friends."

-TANJA gazibara... 12

BETWEEN plays, senior linebacker Kristopher Karaoglu gives some quick advice and encouraging words to some **TEAMMATES.**

PRINCIPAL

Richard Kirchner bestowed Mr. William Wilke with the prestigious award of Cross Country Coach of the **YEAR.**

THIS bulldog did not know what he was in for when senior Aaron Scharr, defensive lineman, tackled him from **BEHIND.**



Fall Homecoming

The Indians cage the Bulldogs

Only days after the tragic events of September 11, Portage High School, along with the rest of the city, joined together to show their pride. Fall Homecoming was held the evening of September 14, against the Crown Point Bulldogs.

Although the game itself was held on Friday night, many began preparing for the game in advance. All week students and faculty participated in the traditional festivities of Spirit Week. This year included new days, such as Rodeo Day and Famous People Day, along with the ever-favorite Pajama Day. "I'm not usually big on dressing up for Spirit week, but Pajama Day is an excuse for everyone to show their pride, and be comfortable doing it!" said senior Melanie Morales.

Other days were Clash Day, Class Colors Day, and of course, Red and White Day.

Another activity that took place Homecoming week was the Cutest Baby Contest. For this, students voted on what athlete was the cutest as a baby by contributing money to their choice. All of the money raised went to the "Jake's Sake" fund. Jake, who is diabetic, is the grandson of Mrs. Debbie Ormes, who works in the bookstore. The winner of the contest was senior, Michael Supp.

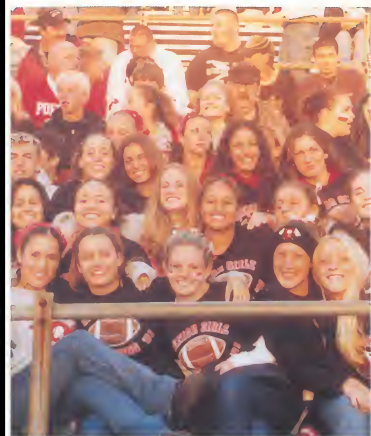
Finally, who can forget the traditional Homecoming parade? Each grade, as well as a group of faculty members, was in charge of creating their own float for the parade that takes place down Central Avenue. This year, the junior class won first place.

The game itself was a success. The Indians trampled the Bulldogs with a whopping 47-0.



SENIOR girls sat together to enjoy their last fall homecoming game. Some of the girls made and sold T-shirts to show their **PRIDE.**

THE Marching Band put on their traditional show at halftime. The band proudly performed the school's **ALMA MATER.**



THE festivities officially began when the team ran through the blow-up helmet. Senior Russ Natalie had the honor of entering **FIRST.**

FLOAT decorating is another fun element of homecoming week. Here, juniors Alexis Chaddock and Ashley Davitch work together on their **SECTION.**

Private Eye

Thousands of students rush through the wide-open doors to an educational destination that has become almost involuntary for them to attend. Yet, high school is more than just a place to which one is present for eight hours a day, every weekday for four long years. It is saturated with diverse students, all of them harboring different life experiences and all having their own gifts to share with the world. Every person leads a *private* life, but the true blessing is bestowed when that person invites others into it, always endeavoring to keep true friends by their side. Sometimes we get so absorbed in this effort that we fail to acquaint ourselves with new individuals - those who seem different than ourselves. To the *eye*, we are merely an array of divergent students, but it is through our colorful differences that the capability of learning and becoming more enlightened is at last reached.



MANY STUDENTS MAKE IT A POINT TO DEVOTE
THEIR WEEKEND TIME TO THEIR CLOSE FRIENDS.
POPULAR ATTRACTIONS IN PORTAGE WERE THE
MOVIE THEATER, SKATING RINK, BILLIARD HALLS,
THE BEACH, AND OF COOURSE . . .THE BOWLING
ALLEY. ON A GIRLS NIGHT OUT, SENIOR EMILY
GARNETT PERFORMS HER "BOWLING DANCE"
AFTER DELIVERING A PERFECT STRIKE.



Jonathan Ahlborn
Christopher Aimutis
Lori Alicea

Concert Choir 9, Girls Glee 9, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11,
12, Symphonic Choir 10, 11, 12, Chorallers 12, Senior Girls Club
12, Varsity Show 12.

Kristen Allen

Track 9, Pom Poms 9, 10, 11 captain, Senior Girls Club 12
president.

Kristen Alvarado

Fall Play 11, 12 student director, Spring Musical 11, 12 student
director.

Rebecca Anders

Concert Choir 9, Volleyball 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, Film
Study Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12,
Hope Club 10, Youth Alive 10, 11, Thespians 10, 11, 12 co-
president, FLHS 11, Pow Wow 11, NHS 11, 12, Natural Helpers
11, 12 staff, ACES 12, Q&S 12, Legend 12 co-editor, Senior Girls
Club 12, Spring Musical 12.

Amber Andrews

Stephanie Anguiano

Concert Orchestra 9, 10, Spell Bowl 11, 12, Who's Who 11, 12,

Kristi Arcuri

Amanda Austin

Michelle Ayala

Pom Poms 10, 11, Senior Girls Club 12.

Ryan Ayres

JROTC 9, 10, 11, 12, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12,

Melanie Badovinac

Marching Band 9, Natural Helpers 11.

Daniel Baker

Angela Banzen

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 11, VHS 11, Student Council 11, HOSEA
11, 12, Senior Girls Club 12.





Derrick Bass
Heather Bauer
Jessica Baugh
Jerry Baugus
Sharon Bears



Candace Beck
Jay Beckham Jr.
Jennifer Belleville
 Concert Orchestra 9, Color Guard 9, Student Council 9, Tennis 9,
 Cheerleading 9, Class Club 9, 10, 12, Spring Musical 10, Pom
 Poms 10, 11, NHS 11, 12, Senior Girls Club 12, 3c, Miss 12.
Caroline Benko-Meyer
Andrew Bennett



Joanna Benson
Melaine Benz
 SADD/STOP 9, Color Guard 9, 10, Concert Choir 9, 10, Religious
 Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, Girls Glee 12.
Ryan Bergner
 Football 9, 10, Peer Tutor 12.
Jessica Berlin
 Intramural Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 11, Legend 12.
Juanita Berrios
 SADD/STOP 10, Key Club 10, JROTC 10, 11, Intramural
 Volleyball 10, 11, Intramural Basketball 11, Senior Girls Club 12.



Nicole Bibby
Steven Blastick
Brandie Bosstel
 Intramural Bowling 10, Bowling 11, 12 state runner-up.
Brian Bowles
Christopher Bowman



Briana Braun
Elizabeth Brown
Kami Brown
Sonya BruBaker
 Who's Who 11, 12, Pow Wow 12, Student Council 12, Class Club
 12, Senior Girls Club 12, Artband 12.
Nicole Buchmeier
 Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, Peer Tutor 11.



Scott Buhman
Dennis Burton
Jeffrey Burton
 Lab Band 9, FLHS 10, Concert Band 10, Speech Team 10, 11
 state finalist, NHS 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12, Pow Wow 11, 12
 associate co-editor.
Jonathan Cain
Elizabeth Caldwell
 Chamber Orchestra 9, 10, Swimming 10, 11, Concert Orchestra
 11, 12.

David Callahan
Ryan Campbell

Sarah Canner
Concert Orchestra 9, Tenor 9, 11, Religious Youth Group 9, 10,
11, 12, FLHS 10, 11, 12, Symphonic Strings 10, 11, 12, Natural
Helpers 11, NHS 11, 12, Whos Who 12, ACES 12.

Dorothy Cantu

Chamber Orchestra 9, Concert Orchestra 10, Spanish Club 10,
11, Multicultural Club 10, 11, Intramural Volleyball 10, 11,
Symphonic Strings 11, 12.

Daniel Carter

Ryan Carter
Crystal Cavanaugh

Jaclynn Chagoya
Volleyball 9, Pep Band 9, Marching Band 9, 10, Concert Band 10.

Sheung Cheng

FLHS 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, OYM Program 12.

Kristen Childers

Stephanie Chitwood
Elizabeth Cicchetto

Spring Musical 10, 11, Student Council 11, Class Club 11, Winter
Homecoming Court 11, Natural Helpers 11.

Steven Cimbaljevich

Basketball 9, 10, Football 9, 10, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, OYM 12.

Kenneth Clark

Glenn Cliver

Football 9, 10, Concert Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12, Thespians 11,
12.

Randy Clowers II
Michelle Coates

Donald Coats

George Cochran

Joshua Cody

Jessica Colburn

Gymnastics 9, Cheerleading 9, 10.

Misty Cole

Concert Choir 9, FLHS 10, Film Study Club 10, Natural Helpers
11, Senator Lugar's Symposium 11, Variety Show 11, 12, Air
Band 12.

Elizabeth Collins

Speech Team 9, Cross Country 9, Softball 9, 10, Symphonic
Strings 9, 10, 11, 12, all state Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12,
Secretary: Class Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Fall Play 11, Spring Musical
11, Prom Court 11, Senior Girls Club 12, 3, 4, Me: 12.

Melissa Collins

Ashley Coombs

Heather Coombs

HOSA 11, 12.

Brandon Coran

Jonathan Cotton

Samantha Cottrell

Kayla Crecelius

Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, vice-president, Fall Play 10,
11, 12, Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 11, 12, Academic
Super Bowl 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12, co-vice-president, NHS 12,
Who's Who 12.





Anthony Crist

Football 9, 10, 11, 12. Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12. Spring Musical 10.

Nicole Criswell

Christopher Daniel

Afriyie Daniels

Concert Band 9. Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12. Spanish Club 10, 11. ISYO 10, 11. Symphonic Band 10, 11, 12. Who's Who 11. Student Court 12.

Karen Darnell

Pep Band 9. Concert Choir 9. Marching Band 9, 10. Concert Band 9, 10. Girls Glee 10. Symphonic Choir 11, 12. Bowling 11, 12.

Nicole Dearing

Symphonic Band 10, 11, 12. Softball 10 state champs. 11, 12 captain. Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 captain.

Melissa Deavers

Daniel DeHaven II

Robert Demitroulas Jr.

Catherine DeLeon

RHS 11, 12.

Stefanie Denny

David Dienes II

Football 9, 10, 11, 12. Baseball 11, 12. Who's Who 11, 12.

Sara Dieringer

Marching Band 9, 10. Pep Band 9, 10. Symphonic Strings 9, 10, 11, 12.

Nick Divich

Kenneth Doan

A Day in the Life of



Shandra is pictured during her favorite class. Stanfield won the title of Best Writer for her notable contributions to the publications staff.



After school, Stanfield usually watches her younger and brother and sister.

At a party, Stanfield voices her opinion to junior Blake Riley while his senior girlfriend Nicole Seratto looks on.



Stanfield takes time out of the party to talk with her boyfriend, senior Cottrell Sanders. The two have been together for nearly two years.



Shandra Stanfield

Michael Doane

Football 9, Building Traders 11, 12.

David Dominguez

Darrell Dominic

Donald Doyle

Francis Dranchak

Symphonic Strings 10, 11. Speech Team 11. NHS 11, 12. Baseball 11, 12. OYM Program 12. ACES 12.

Heather Dunn

Golf 10. BPA 11, 12.

Christopher Durkin

Dean Efantis

Sara Egendoerfer

Multicultural Club 9. Tennis 9. FLHS 10, 11, 12. Natural Helpers 11. HOSEA 11, 12. VHS 11, 12. Senior Girls Club 12.

Shannon EllensonGirls Glee 9. Track 9, 10. Choraleers 9, 12. Basketball 9, 10, 11. Who's Who 10, 11. Symphonic Choir 10, 11, 12. Senior Girls Club 12. Spring Musical 12. Jr. Miss 12. *third runner-up*. Variety Show 12.**Adam Erickson****Christopher Erickson**

Michael Eriks

Concert Band 9. Jazz Band 9. Fall Play 9. Variety Show 9. Latin Club 9, 10. Symphonic Band 10. Theplans 10, 11.

Jennifer Fadely

Sara Fazekas

Color Guard 9. Latin Club 9, 10. Religious Youth Group 9, 10. Spring Musical 9, 10, 11. Symphonic Choir 9, 10, 11, 12. Art Club 10. Fall Play 11, 12. Writer's Block 11. Jr. Miss 12. Variety Show 12.

Nicole Flannery

Concert Choir 9. Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Tammy Flowers

Daniel Ford

Ryan Foreman

Michael Forgus



Senior

JENNIFER McClelland

After high school, I plan on auditioning for dance every chance I get.

SOME students are naturally artistic and tend to express this side of them whenever possible. Senior Tina Thomason makes room for a sculpting class in her busy schedule. Art expression is a huge aspect of many students' **LIVES.**





Craig Foster
Ricky Frasure Jr.
Chad Fredericks

Latin Club 9, Thespians 9, 10, 11, 12 co-president NHS 11, 12.

Kelly Fulkerson
Samantha Funke

Art Club 12.

James Gardner

Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12.

John Gardner

Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12 tri-captain.

Lowell Garibaldi

Tanja Gazibara

Concert Orchestra 9, Tennis 9, Volleyball 9, Pom Poms 10, 11, FLHS 10, 11, 12, Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Who's Who 11, NHS 11, 12, Prom Court 11, Fall Homecoming Court 12, Winter Homecoming Court 12, Senior Girls Club 12, Airband 12, Jr. Miss 12, first runner-up ACES 12.

Lindsay Gear

Concert Choir 9, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, Who's Who 11, Senior Girls Club 12.

Jennifer Gettemy

Concert Choir 9, 10.

Kara Gibson

Danielle Gingerich

Softball 9, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 10, FLHS 10, 11, 12, Class Club 11, Prom Court 11, Spring Musical 11, 12, Senior Girls Club 12, Fall Play 12, Fall Homecoming Court 12, Jr. Miss 12, finalist.

Courtney Goelz

Christopher Gomez

Frank Good

Brooks Gorden

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 10, 12.

Frederick Goss

William Gramhofer IV

Holly Granzow

Concert Orchestra 9, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, Art Club 10, 11 vice-president 12, Symphonic Strings 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Writer's Block 11 vice-president, 12 president, Reading Club 11, 12, Chamber Orchestra 12.

Olivia Grashel

Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, SADD/STOP 10 vice-president, Variety Show 10, 12, Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 11, Symphonic Choir 11, 12, first place state, Chorales 11, 12 vice-president, Fall Play 12, Jr. Miss 12, Girls Glee 12.

Candice Grau

Susan Graub

Julie Green

Symphonic Strings 9, 10, 11, 12 all-state, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, treasurer, Whos Who 12, ACES 12.

Karen Green

Pow Wow 10, 11, 12, Spring Musical 10, 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12 co-president, Legend 12, Variety Show 12, Natural Helpers 12.

Michelle Green

Pep Band 9, Volleyball 9, Intramural Volleyball 9, Marching Band 9, 10, Swimming 10, 11, 12, BPA 11, 12, FLHS 11, 12, NHS 12, Senior Girls Club 12.

Jody Greer

Track 9, 10, 11, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Who's Who 11, 12.

Ashlei Grove

Caitlin Groves

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12 academic all-state, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, FLHS 10, ACES 12.

Sarah Grund

JROTC 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Peer Tutor 9, 10, 11, 12, Religious Youth Group 11.

Joseph Guidarelli
Brittany Gurley
Christina Haack
Ryan D. Hall
Ryan W. Hall



Sara Hammond
 Concert Orchestra 9. Who's Who 9, 10, 11. Class Club 11.
Thomas Hancock
Natalie Hardison
Gretchen Hargarten
 Swimming 9, 10. Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12. Track 9, 10, 11, 12.
Adam Harting



Alex Harting
Daniel Hatten
 Swimming 9, 10, 11 co-captain. 12 tri-captain.
Daniel Hedger
Steven Helsingstine
Ryan Henry
 Concert Band 9, 10. Pep Band 9, 11. Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Symphonic Band 11. Variety Show 11.



Laura Hodges
 Basketball 9. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. FLHS 10, 12.
 Spring Musical 10, 11, 12. Student Court 11. Prom Court 11.
 Who's Who 11. NHS 11, 12. Class Club 9, 10, 11, 12. Fall Play 11, 12.
 Senior Girls Club 12. Thespians 12. Pow Wow 12. Jr. Miss 12.



portage jr. miss.
Tabitha Hogue
Rex Hood
 Swimming 10.
Michael Hostetler
Deanna Hounshell

Amanda Hritz
 Symphonic Band 10, 11, 12.
Heide Hultsieck
 Concert Orchestra 9. Latin Club 9. Swimming 9, 10. Cross
 Country 9, 10, 11, 12. Track 9, 10, 11, 12. German Club 10.
 Student Council 11. Class Club 11. *treasurer*: Who's Who 11, 12.
 FLHS 12. Jr. Miss 12.
Amber Hulse
Emily Hursey
Stefen Hutchins



Christina Hyde
 Volleyball 9. Pom Poms 10, 11. NHS 11, 12. Spring Musical 11, 12.
 Student Council 12. Class Club 12. Senior Girls Club 12. Fall
 Homecoming Court 12. Winter Homecoming Court 12. Jr. Miss
 12. Natural Helpers 12. *staff*: Airband 12.



Scott Imes
 Baseball 9, 10, 11. DECA 11. *state champion*. OYM 12. Natural
 Helpers 12.
Ann Jadrych
Jason James
Ashley Jandura

GOOD sportsmanship is a way of life for many Portage athletes. Senior Adam Ritter offers a good luck handshake to his opponent before the one mile race **BEGINS.**

IT was a rainy, cold day on the evening of the Homecoming Parade. Queen nominees huddle under an umbrella and wrap themselves in **BLANKETS.**

THE Academic Super Bowl brought four members together, collectively representing ten different subjects. They prepared for this event for three **MONTHS.**



Mark Javorka
Ashley Jeremiah
Jeffrey Jones

Baseball 9, 10. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12. president. Class Clubs 9, 10. president, 11. president, 12. SCAT 10, 12. Who's Who 10, 11, 12. Prom Court 11. Natural Helpers 11, 12. staff. Fall Play 11, 12.

Marissa Jonkman
Brandon Jordan

FLHS 10. Tennis 11. Hockey 12.

Michael Jurgensen

Lub Band 9. Marching Band 9, 10. Pep Band 9, 10. Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12. vice-president. Class Club 9, 10, 11, 12. Who's Who 9, 10, 11, 12. Symphonic Band 10. Jazz Band 10. NHS 11, 12. ACES 12. Thespians 12. Fall Play 12. OYM 12.

Kristofer Karagory

Christine Keaton
Writer's Block 9. Concert Choir 9. Soccer 9, 10. Speech Team 10. Pow Wow 10. Saga 11, 12. editor.

Nicole Keith
Melissa Kelley

Kyle Ketchum

Jessica Kirk
Julie Knight
Jason Komenda
Tracie Korbar
Basketball 9, 10, 11. Softball 9, 10. state champs, 11, 12. Senior Girls Club 12. HOSEA 12. Prom Court 12. queens.





Senior
BRADLEY Stevenson

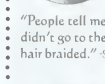
High school is a great time in your life to get involved, meet new people, and make a name for yourself.

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"All of my boyfriend's friends started telling me I looked like Heather Graham as soon as all the Austin Powers movies came out. It just caught on." -senior Lindsay O'Rourke



"People tell me I look like Ludicris, but he didn't go to the heart of Gary to get his hair braided." -senior Steven Hefnagottbe



"My co-workers at Denny's started calling me Meg Ryan because they say I look just like her. I don't seem to think so though." -senior Christine Heubon

Nina Krass

Swimming 10, 11.

Nathan Krenkel

Stephanie Krostag

Curtis Ksenak

Latin Club 9, 10. Track 9, 10. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11.

12. Spring Musical 11. BPA 11, 12. NHS 11, 12. VHS 11, 12. OYM

first runner-up.

Sarah Larkin

Aaron Lasky

Margeaux Lawson-Lloyd

Swimming 9. Pom Poms 10. E-Club 11, 12. president. DECA 11, 12.

state finalist. Senior Girls Club 12. Who's Who 12.

Randi Leggett

Carly Lenon

Isha Leon

Basketball 9. Track 9, 10, 11, 12. Cross Country 10, 11. Concert

Choir 12. Symphonic Choir 12.

Mathew Leonard

Football 9. Baseball 9. Wrestling 9, 10. Variety Show 11, 12.

Katie Lerch

Girls Glee 9, 10. Fall Play 9, 11, 12. Speech Team 10. Spring

Musical 10, 11. Symphonic Choir 11, 12. J. Mrs 12.

Angela Lewandowski

Stephanie Lewandowski

Ryan Liebig

Dyanna Lilly

Sara Lindsay

Kate Lindstrom

Amanda Litke

FLHS 10. Concert Choir 10. Swimming 10. Natural Helpers 11.

NHS 11, 12. Girls Glee 11, 12. Symphonic Choir 12.

Candice Lopez





Mario Lopez

Allison Lowe

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11 co-captain Spring Musical 10. HOSA 11, 12 president/historian. Senior Girls Club 12.

Shelbie Luna

Color Guard 9, Girls Glee 9. Student Council 9. Variety Show 9, 10. Chorallers 9, 10. Speech Team 9, 10, 11. Who's Who 9, 10, 11, 12. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. FLHS 10. Symphonic Choir 10. BPA 11. NHS 11, 12. Class Club 11, 12. ACES 12. Senior Girls Club 12. Jr. Miss 12 second runner-up.

Michelle Lute

Track 9. Soccer 9, 10. Cross Country 11. NHS 11, 12. ACES 12. Jr. Miss 12.

Corey Mace

Victoria Machuca

Alicia MacMillan

Art Club 9, 11, 12. president. Pep Band 9, 10, 11. Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. president. NHS 11, 12. Reading Club 11, 12. Martial Arts Club 11, 12. Who's Who 11, 12. Saga 12.

Richard Maddox

Sara Mak

Concert Orchestra 9, 10. Who's Who 11. Symphonic Strings 11, 12. FLHS 12. Art Club 12 secretary.

Kristina Manning

Holly Martin

Jazz Band 9, 10.

Jose Martinez

Melissa Mateo

Basketball 9, 10, 11. Soccer 10. HOSA 11. Senior Girls Club 12. Natural Helpers 12.

Tristan Mathews

Speech Team 9. Pow Wow 10, 11, 12. associate co-editor. Academic Super Bowl 11. Q&S 11, 12. Student Council 12. Class Club 12. Treasurer. Variety Show 12.

Alison Mayfield

Tennis 9. Symphonic Strings 9, 10, 11, 12. Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12. Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. Natural Helpers 11. FLHS 11, 12. NHS 11, 12.

Jennifer McClelland

Variety Show 9, 10, 11, 12. Spring Musical 11, 12. Senior Girls Club 12. Jr. Miss 12.

Katherine McMurry

Concert Choir 9. Swimming 9. Golf 9, 10. Girls Glee 10. Symphonic Choir 11, 12. Who's Who 11, 12. Fall Play 12.

Lisa McNeiley

Student Council 9. FLHS 10. Senior Girls Club 12.

Nicholas Merknor

Aliceson Middleborn

Christina Mihalek

Concert Choir 9. Track 9, 10. Cross Country 9, 10, 11. Peer Tutor 10, 11. Jr. Miss 12.

Andrew Mills

Basketball 9. Intramural Basketball 9. FLHS 10, 11, 12. Chinese Club 11. Pow Wow 12. Variety Show 12.

Stacy Monnier

Concert Orchestra 9. Who's Who 9. FLHS 10, 11, 12. Symphonic Strings 10, 11, 12. Spring Musical 11. HOSA 12. president. Natural Helpers 12. ACES 12.

Katherine Monti

Harold Morgan Jr.

Michelle Mosca

Bryan Mose

Table Tennis Club 11. Pow Wow 12.

Joseph Mullin Jr.

Yashjeet Multani

Alex Mulvihill

Swimming 9. Chamber Orchestra 9. Track 9, 10, 11. Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12. Concert Orchestra 10. FLHS 10. ACES 12.

Brian Nagler
Allan Nagy
Russ Natalie Jr.
Russell Naumenko
Heather N. Nelson

Soccer 9, 10, Track 9, 10, Student Council 11, 12, Class Club 11,
 12, Senior Girls Club 12, Jr. Miss 12, *Analyst*.

Heather R. Nelson
Mandy Nelson

Concert Orchestra 9, 10, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, *captain*, Religious
 Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12, Reading Club 10, 11, 12, Spring
 Musical 10, 11, 12, Thespians 11, 12, Art Club 11, 12, Winter's
 Block 11, 12, Fall Play 11, 12, Who's Who 11, 12, Symphonic
 Strings 11, 12, NHS 11, Academic All-State 12.

Gene Neyhart II
Frank Nimeth
Luke Nixon

Jaime Nolan

Concert Band 9, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, Pep Band 9, 10, 11,
 Symphonic Strings 10, 12, Symphonic Band 10, 11, 12, Latin Club
 11, 12, Who's Who 12, HOSA 12, FLHS 12, *Chorallers* 12.

Chad Norris

Concert Band 10, 11, Film Study Club 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11,
 Spring Musical 11, Student Council 11, 12, Symphonic Band 12.

Nicole O Connor

Student Council 9, Golf 9, Tennis 9, Swimming 9, 10, Concert
 Choir 9, 10, Girls Glee 11, 12, Chorallers 11, 12, Symphonic Choir
 12, Jr. Miss 12, Variety Show 12.

Allentevarenet Odds
Lashania Odds

Mark Oresik Jr.

Baseball 10, 11, 12, Bowling 11, 12.

Lindsay O'Rourke

Evelyn Otero

Lisa Owen

Jamieson Owens

Jonathan Palmer

Lia Palmer

Volleyball 9, Concert Orchestra 9, 10, Art Club 10, 11, 12, Spring
 Musical 11, Natural Helpers 11, Writer's Block 11, 12, Symphonic
 Strings 11, 12.

Christopher Papachronis

Kylene Parobek

Adam Paskevich

Bhemika Patel

Alexandria Perez

David Persin

Bradley Piasecki

Hockey 11, 12.

Heather Piazza

Symphonic Strings 9, 10, 11, 12, Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11,
 12, Who's Who 10, Swimming 10, 11, 12, Spring Musical 11,
 NHS 12.





Jeanette Piehl
Gary Pilipovich
Ashley Plummer

Basketball 9, 10. Student Council 9, 12. Cross Country 9, 10, 11.
 Track 9, 10, 12. Natural Helpers 11. Winter Homecoming Court
 11 process. Prom Court 11 princess. 12. NHS 11, 12 vice-
 president. Class Clubs 11, 12. Fall Homecoming Court 12 queen.
 Jr. Miss 12. Pow Wow 12. Airband 12.

Shawn Polewski
Jessica Pomaes

Color Guard 9, 10, 12. Concert Band 10. Symphonic Band 11, 12.
 Senior Girls Club 12.

Sarah Portolos
Crystal Potts
Justin Powell
Corrine Powers
Donald Pugh Jr

Christopher Ragon
Jarrett Ragon
Kristal Ragon

JROTC 9. Who's Who 9. Religious Youth Group 9.

Nicole Ragon
Nicole Rains

Volleyball 9. Basketball 9. Track 9, 10. Who's Who 9, 10, 11.
 HOSA 11, 12.

A Day in the Life of

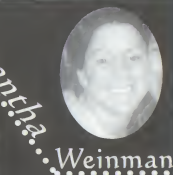
Senior Samantha Weinman meets up with some Valparaiso boys while she waits for her delayed plane to arrive at O'Hare airport. She anxiously anticipates her spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico.



Taking advantage of her trip to Mexico, Weinman explores other places besides Cancun. Here, she snorkels in the reefs of Cozumel.



"You know you're ghetto when you're hair is braided!" said Weinman. She has her hair braided in a quaint market.



Weinman offers a playful kiss to senior Christina Vega at the Bulldog Cafe. The two looked out for each other on the trip.



Weinman gets a little friendly with senior Russ Natalie during a trip to Fat Tuesday's.



Jennifer Rak
Billie Jean Ramirez
 Swimming 9, 10.

Meagan Rappatta
 Volleyball 9, FLHS 10, 11, 12. Winter Homecoming Court 11. Fall Homecoming Court 12. Senior Girls Club 12.

Kayla Rawdon
 Concert Orchestra 9, Concert Band 9, Color Guard 9, 10, 11, Symphonic Choir 9, 10, 11, 12 vice-president, Choralliers 9, 10, 11, 12 president, Symphonic Strings 10, Symphonic Band 10, Spring Musical 10, German Club 11, Variety Show 11, NHS 11, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Indiana All-State Choir 12, ACES 12.

Daniel Reisen

Melissa Rhein
 Concert Band 9, Volleyball 9, Softball 10, Senior Girls Club 12.

Kassandra Rhodes
 Thespians 12, Saga 12, Fall Play 12.

Katie Richards
Robert Richmond
Adam Ritter

Eric Rivera
 Speech Team 9, 10, Pow Wow 11, 12, Fall Play 12, Winter Homecoming Court 12 king.

Anthony Robb

Deborah Roberts
 Softball 9, 10, Symphonic Band 10, 11, Swimming 9, 10, Senior Girls Club 12.

Christopher Rodgers
Andrew Rodriguez

Michael Rodriguez
 Color Guard 9, 10, 11, 12 commander, JROTC 9, 10, 11, 12 commanding officer.

Alicia Roman
 Girls Glee 9, 10, Spring Musical 10, Who's Who 10, 11, Variety Show 10, 11, 12.

Erin Rooney
 Volleyball 9, Concert Orchestra 9, 10 vice-president, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Who's Who 10, Symphonic Strings 11, HOSA 12 treasurer.

Ryan Rosenberger
Tanya Royal



ONLY the dedicated need apply for a spot on the Marching Indians. The Marching Band is led by senior doleen Wiatrowski. Wiatrowski's experience has earned her this **TITLE.**

ONE duty that being a senior entails is passing out open house cards to friends and family. Seniors Richard Krieg and Robert Demitroulis exchange **INVITES.**



James Rush

Football 9, 10. Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12. Variety Show 11, 12.

Patrick RzepkaAngela Sabocik
Pom Poms 9, 10. Track 9, 10. Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12. Senior Musical 10. NHS 11, 12. Class Club 11, 12. Jr. Miss 12.**Carlos Sanchez****Christina Sanchez****Cottrell Sanders****Jessica Santiago**
FLHS 10. Pom Poms 11. Senior Girls Club 12. Student Court 12.**Caleb Santos****Jennifer Saxinger****Bryan Scheub**
Pop Band 9. Class Club 9, 10. Marching Band 9, 10. Concert Band 9, 10. Student Council 9, 10. Spring Musical 9, 10, 11, 12. Thespians 10, 11, 12. Fall Play 11. Natural Helpers 11, 12. staff OYM 12.**Cheryl Schmeski****Aaron Schnarr****David Schuck****Adam Schumacher**

Football 9. FLHS 10.

Leah Selby**Nicole Serratto**

Football 9 manager. Class Club 11, 12. Senior Girls Club 12.

Daniel Shattuck

Speech Team 9. FLHS 10, 11, 12. Pow Wow 10, 11, 12. Academic Super Bowl 11. Q&S 11, 12.

Jake Shear**Jesse Shelby****Samantha Shepard****Joshua Sherrick**

JROTC 9. Football 10. VBT 11, 12.

Kristin Siminski

Latin Club 9, 10, 11, 12. Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12. co-captain, all-state, all-american, state champion. FLHS 10, 11, 12. NHS 11, 12. Natural Helpers 11, 12. staff. Senior Girls Club 12.

Elizabeth Simkin

Concert Orchestra 9. Concert Band 9. Marching Band 9, 10. Concert Band 9, 12. Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12. Symphonic Strings 10, 11, 12. NY Orchestra 12. IMEA Band 12.

Valerie Smeltzer

Religious Youth Group 9, 10, 11, 12. German Club 10. Concert Orchestra 10, 11, 12. NHS 11, 12. Astorian: Who's Who 11, 12.

Jared Smith**Kellie Smith**

Concert Band 9. Cheerleading 9, 10, 11. HOSA 11. Student Council 11. Senior Girls Club 12. Jr. Miss 12.

Kelly Snow

Concert Choir 9, 10. Girls Glee 11.

Jamie Snow

Latin Club 11, 12. Student Council 11, 12. Class Club 11, 12. vice-president.

Theresa Soto**Eric Spurr**

Intramural Bowling 9. Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. Bowling 10, 11, 12. OYM 12.

Bryan Standerski

Chamber Orchestra 9, Concert Orchestra 10, FLHS 10, Who's Who 10, 11, Symphonic Strings 11, 12.

Shandra Stanfield

Tenniss 9, Legend 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Natural Helpers 12.

**Sauna Sterling
Bradley Stevenson**

Speech Team 9, Football 9, Basketball 9, 10, Natural Helpers 11, Winter Homecoming Court 11, Prom Court 11, 12, Pow Wow 11, 12, editor Q&S 11, 12, NHS 12, OYM 12, Airband 12.

Mary Stinson

Volleyball 9, 10, Symphonic Strings 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, All State Orchestra 11, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Finalist.

Brian Stock**Michael Supp****Marcus Swanson**

Who's Who 10, 11.

Douglas Tallant

JROTC 9, 10, 11, 12, Color Guard 12.

Darius Taylor**Cassandra Thomas****Sunshine Thomas****Patrick Thurber**

Variety Show 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 11, FLHS 11, 12, NHS 11, 12, Pow Wow 11, 12, Airband 12.

David Trafny**Rachel Trathen****Daniel Trepanier****Gilberto Trevino****Candice Turner**

Pow Wow 11, Who's Who 11, NHS 11, 12, Legend 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12, co-president, Quiz Bowl 12, Academic Super Bowl 12, Academic Decathlon 12, Knowledge Master Open 12, Multicultural Club 12, Class Club 12, Senior Girls Club 12, SADO/STOP 12, Junior Miss 12, Finalist, Variety Show 12.

Michael Urbanik**Brad Vah**

JROTC 9, 10, Latin Club 10, Who's Who 10, 11, Fall Play 12, Spring Musical 12, OYM 12, FLHS 12, Thespians 12.

Sarah Vance**Jessica Vandergriff**

HOSA 12.

Matthew Vanderploeg

Concert Orchestra 9, 10, Golf 10, 11, 12, Symphonic Strings 11, 12.

Carla Vargas

Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Who's Who 10, 11, HOSA 11, Cheerleading 11, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Class Club 12.

Matthew Vaughan**Christina Vega**

Speech Team 9, Concert Choir 9, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12, co-captain, Spring Musical 10, Fall Play 10, 11, Legend 10, 11, 12, editor Student Council 10, 11, 12, treasurer Class Club 10, 11, 12, Natural Helpers 11, NHS 11, 12, secretary Who's Who 11, 12, Q&S 11, 12, Jr. Miss 12, Finalist, Airband 12, ACES 12.

Adam Velazquez

Symphonic Choir 9, 10, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12, tri-captain, Spring Musical 10, 11, Fall Play 11, Natural Helpers 11, 12, staff OYM 12.

Robert Walker**Shreecelatrece Walker**

Concert Choir 9, Speech Team 10, 11, vice-president 12, president, Spanish Club 11, Natural Helpers 11, HOSA 12.

Jillian Wallace



MANY seniors seized their last opportunity to have fun on the PHS stage. The return of Airband gave Senior Patrick Thurbar a chance to rock out of high school in **STYLE.**

College Bound

Written

Shandra Stanfield

As their last year in high school dwindles down, many seniors seem to focus on the next step: college.

Most seniors seem to be very eager to advance on to the collegiate level of their education. "I can't wait until I get to college! I'm going to have so much fun! I also know that I'm going to have more responsibilities," de-

*some are anxious for college.
others are apprehensive*

clared senior Sonya BruBaker. Others remain a little apprehensive about venturing off to college. "I'm kind of scared about going away to college," admitted senior Christina Vega. "I don't know how I'm going to handle being away from my family and loved ones." Most students demonstrate mixed feelings regarding college.



April Webb

Samantha Weinman

Gymnastics 9. Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 co-captain. Spring Musical 10, 11. Winter Homecoming Court 11, 12. Prom Court 11, 12. Student Council 11, 12. Class Club 11, 12. president, NHS 12. Senior Girls Club 12. Jr. Miss 12. fourth runner-up. Fall Play 12. SCAT 12.

Christopher West

Andrew Wheeler

Brooks Wheeler

Tiffany Whitaker

Joleen Wiatrowski

Sarah Wilkins

Volleyball 9. Track 9, 10, 11, 12. HOSA 11, 12. chapter president. Senior Girls Club 12. Natural Helpers 12.

Jeremy Williams

Golf 9, 10, 11, 12. Tennis 11.

Justin Wood

Soccer 9, 12. Variety Show 9.

Jaime Woods

Jill Young

Tennis 9. Fall Play 9. student director. FLHS 10, 11, 12. Pow Wow 10, 12. Natural Helpers 11, 12. staff. NHS 12. Student Court 12. chief justice. Senior Girls Club 12. ACES 12.

Richard Zinkiewicz

Donald Zygowicz



Lindsay Abram
Elizabeth Ailes
Richelle Alcantara
Jennifer Ansell
John Andrews
William Arnold
Caitlin Austgen
Nicole Ayala



Steven Ayala
Sylviaanna Baccarelli
Lauren Batley
Estelle Balunda
Brett Bando
Steven Barlow
Carrie Barnum
Deanna Bateman



Eric Berry
Ron Blaney
Nicholas Daniel Blanton
Tara Blystone
Trent Bolin
Cale Bolinger
Thomas Boller
Ebony Bonds

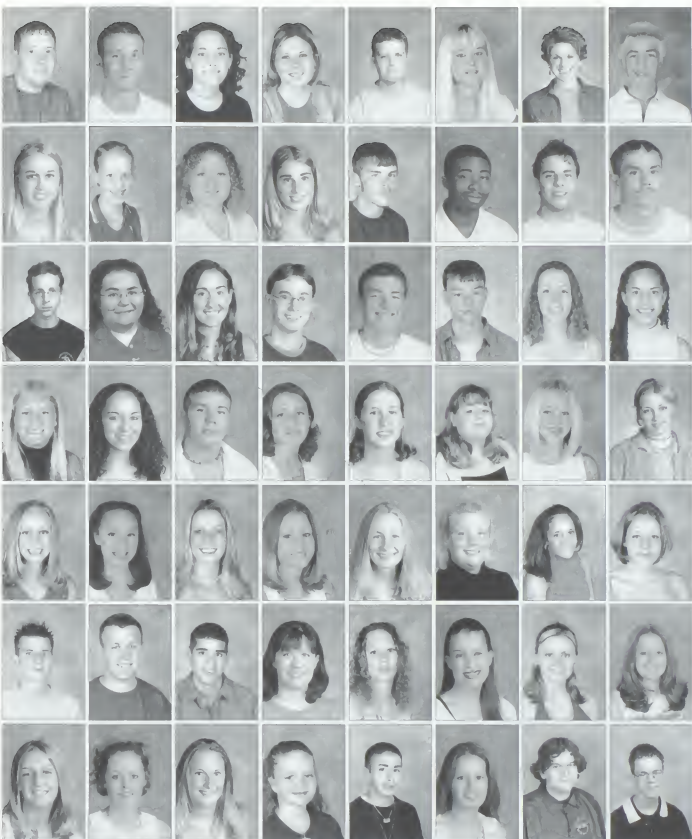


James Bonta
Brandon Bowman
Christopher Boyer
Rebecca Bradford
Christine Brockett
Sarah Brown
Michael Broyles
Joshua Bucy



Steven Budkis
Michael Budny
Jonathon Burchuk
Michael Burdett, Jr.
Christopher Bush
Justin Butera
Matthew Caldwell
David Camery





Randy Campbell
Craig Candiano
Michelle Renee Carns
Kimberly Carpenter
Christopher Casson
Nicole Caudill
Alexis Chadock
Aaron Chaja

Lindsey Chamberlain
Elizabeth Chapman
Kristina Childress
Michelle Cirrincione
Kevin Clark
Daniel Clayton
Adam Clough
Jason Clowers

Kevin Clowers
Sarah Cohen
Jessica Cole
Richard Collins, Jr.
Ryan Colville
Scott Colville
Valerie Comarford
Julieta Concepcion

Ingrid Conover
Elizabeth Cooper
Derek Costa
Jessica Cotton
Michelle Couture
Elizabeth Creech
Ashley Cunningham
Shannah Curran

Katie Danskin
Ashley Davich
Patricia De Bort
Tonya Dearing
Kristina Dehnart
Jennifer Dennison
Amanda Diaz
Damjana Dobras

Miroslub Dobras
Jonathan Dolson
Joseph Duarte
Kerry Duffee
Kristina Edelen
Amber Edmonds
Nicole Elea
Tesa Emmart

Amy Engel
Crystal J Eriks
Stephanie Erwin
Amber Escott
Alexander Espinoza
Diana Espinoza
Ronald Essany
Max Faienschmid



IF I were a cowboy in the old wild West, instead of carrying a gun in my holster, I'd carry a sodering iron, then I would go into a saloon and some punk cowboy would say, "Hey, he's wearing a sodering iron!" Everyone would start to laugh, and I would say, "That's right it's a sodering iron...The Sodering Iron of Justice!" Then everyone would feel really bad, because they made fun of the Sodering Iron of Justice. Maybe I could hit them up for a drink or **TWO.**

Christina Farmer
David Federoff
John Fela
Nicole Fernandez
Steven Fiala
Christopher Figueroa
Ryan Filipas
David Fisher



Lindsey Fishero
Joanna Fitzgerald
Shannon Flanagan
Nichole Flatt
Jacob Fleck
Mark Alan Fleming, Jr.
Melissa Fontanez
Annie Foster



Angela Fozkos
James Fraley, Jr.
Rachel Freeman
Fredrick Fuhrman
Mitchell Gale
Terry Gales II
Erik Garcia
Nicole Garcia



Susana Garibay
Adam Garner
Tiffany Garner
Angela Garza
Carlos Garza, Jr.
Steven Gasaway
Michael Gesmond
Nicholas Giangliuio



Lindsey Gibson
Michael Girouard
Sean Glassford
Trevor Goble
Brian Golarz
Arthur Gomez
Jenifer Gomez
Francesca Gonzalez



A Day in the Life of

At 4:30am, while the rest of Portage slept, Alexis worked out. For breakfast, she had cottage cheese and yogurt. She is not a morning person, but says "because I am naturally happy, I can be."



Getting makeup done was all too familiar. Alexis was Rifka in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Ella in *Up the Down Staircase*.

"I tried out because I wanted to be Anna and I liked the music, but being on stage and performing is the most important factor for me."



Alexis has a fetish for chubby cheeks. Between acts, Alexis was seen running after Ethan (another mother's child) and excitedly grabbing and kissing his cheeks.

Alexis Chaddock

She was glad it was over, but would do it again just for the sake of performing.



on't buy bread Proper



Goofing off at the Christmas dance with fellow Juniors John Andrews to the left and Nick Hammond to the right, Kevin Hall's opinion on school parking lots is this: "All year, every year, everyone complains about how big of a problem our parking lot is. Our parking lot is fun. Seeing hundreds of cars try to squeeze through two one-lane exits every day is **HILARIOUS."**



Joseph Gonzalez
Luis Gonzalez, Jr.
Renee Grant
Amanda Green
Daniel Greenwell
Sophia Guardiola
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Matthew Hinton
Gloria Hogg
James Hoggard III
Dawn Hood
Samantha Hoopingarner

Christopher Hopper
Morgan Hubbard
Justin Huff
Vidomir Ivanovic
Anthony Jacobs
Thomas Jamerson II
Biljana Jasnici
Jason Jedlikowski

Lisa Jordan
Michael Jordan
Michelle Juszcak
Michele Kaiser
Michael Kane, Jr.
Nicholas Kanich
Robert Karch
Erik Keever

Joshua Kellams
Amanda Kelley
Glenn King, Jr.
David Kiszkán
Frank Knez III
Zachary Knutsen
Christina Kornacki
Elizabeth Koziol

JORDAN Chaddock's words of advice, "I just love it how girls these days slather on makeup with a paint roller. Seriously, guys really do think it is attractive (a little sarcasm). Sure, sometimes I wonder what they really look like under that, but I'm concerned. It must take a lot of time to put plaster of Paris on their faces. So, I think they should simply use cans of spray paint, or get a makeup tattoo. It would look the same, and save them time. I hopes that **HELPS!**"



photograph by SARAH canner

WHAT is up with people making out in the hallways? I'm walking down the hall. Innocently going to class, when I turn a corner and see it, two students pressed against the wall in a love embrace. If I wanted to see people passionately slobbering all over each other, I would tune into "Sex and the **CITY.**" -Kyle Sweeney

Jordan Chaddock (left) and Kyle Sweeney, both juniors, performed "Lady Marmalade" from Moulin Rouge, with friends on the stage at Air Band.



AS he closes his locker on the second floor, junior Chris Nunley could be heard mumbling, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. When a storm destroys your lemon crop, call farm **AID.**"

Caught Site Of

Written

by Kevin Wall

Driving to school makes it easier to get involved.

Our junior year is different from past high school years mainly because the majority of our class has cars and is allowed to drive to school. This makes it so that we can participate in more after school activities, with the school or our friends, because we don't have to worry about find-

ing a ride home. Once we start participating in these activities, whether they are after school or on weekends, school becomes a lot more enjoyable. My junior year has been my best [year] yet, and I'm pretty sure it's because of all the activities I have been a part of.

Michelle Krueger
Bonnie Kuss
Tristan Lajcin
Rachel Lake
Misty Lapine
Jacob Lawrence
Jessica Lazar
Cornie Lee

Joshua Lloyd
Deanna Loeffler
Anthony Lombardi
Jade Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Christina Lozano
Maria Lozano
Meghann Lubeck

Melissa Lucas
Jack Lundy
Steven Maddox
Ryan Maffitt
Andrew Maletta
Matthew Martinez
Jarrett McBride
Jessica McBride





photograph by RENATO alcantara

"I want to be an orthodontist because I love seeing people smile and I will have the power to make them smile when I take off their braces and they see their mouths are really metal **FREE.**"
-Richelle Alcantara, 11

Juniors Richelle Alcantara (left) and Jade Lopez, a twenty-first century Bonnie and Clyde, share their aspirations. Alcantara and Lopez nowadays can be found just about anywhere the people are.

"**EVER** since I was little I've always wanted to travel. I plan to do mission work, hopefully in Africa, but I plan to help out here first in the **STATES.**"
-Jade Lopez, 11



Justin McBride
Leon McCall II
Shannon McClelland
Megan McGlothlen
Jennifer McIntyre
Dylan McKee
Jessica McWaters
Victoria Melton

Douglas Mencliewicz
Diana Meyers
Christine Michnik
Ian Mikenas
Jessica Miller
Thomas Misch
Samantha Mitchell
Tessly Mitchell

Angela Mitrinis
Kimberly Momola
Anthony Monacy
Cory Monnier
Danielle Moore
Samantha Moore
Olivia Morales
Amber Morris

FROM left to right:
Junior Richelle Alcantara,
Renee Grant, Carrie Barnum,
Jade Lopez and Jesse Sosa
model their Go Go wear at
Air **BAND.**

Go Go's and Ladies

Written

by Jade Lopez

Written

by Jordan Chaddock

As the curtain closed and we set up to perform, I felt the butterflies fill my stomach. We said a little prayer together, praying that we wouldn't make total fools out of ourselves. The curtain opened, the music started to play, and all my stage fright rushed out of my body. I was ready to bust it out! We did an awesome job! With my solo, I just gave it all I had and I fell to my knees and went completely crazy. It was the best feeling! I was so proud of Jessi, Renee, Connie, and most of all my best friend Richelle. Air Band will go down as one of the best times of my high school career, and I can't wait for next year. We will always be remembered as the "Go Go's".

Some friends and I (Cory Monnier and Kyle Sweeney) entered the Air Band [show] and decided to dress in drag and do the song "Lady Marmalade" from Moulin Rouge. It was interesting (fish net stockings, bras and makeup). I don't exactly know how girls do it everyday, but dancing on stage and pretending to be women (was hard enough).



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Candice Mula
Carol Mullins
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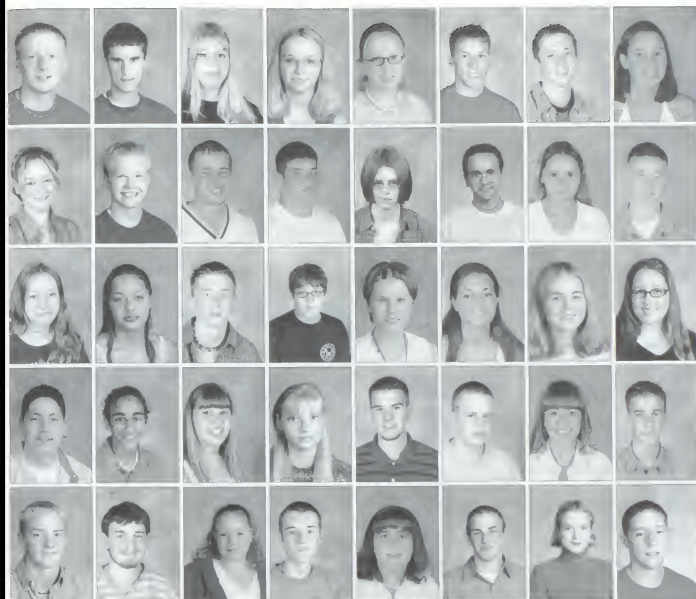
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Ryan Panozzo
Justin Pappas
Laura Pawlick
Samantha Payne
Aleaha Peek
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Meagen Pell
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Jessica Perez
Laura Petroskey
Amber Pickering
Thomas Potts
Vincent Privett
Daniel Pryle

Mark Przekwas
Raymond Przybysz III
Heather Radtke
Kristinia Ragnone
Jeffrey Ramirez
Eric Raskopf
Paul Reed II
Julianne Reapy





Kevin Rey
Douglas Reynolds
Elizabeth Richards
Kristina Richards
Alicia Richmond
Blake Riley
Charles Riley, Jr.
Carly Ristich

Amber Ritchie
Noah Ritchie
Anthony Robbins
Joshua Rocha
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Christopher Rodriguez
Kristina Rodriguez
Christopher Rogers

Julia Rogers
Rachel Romo
Robert Rossi Iv
Joshua Russ
Rachel Russ
Donielle Russell
Claire Rybecki
Amber Salas

Nicholas Salazar
Gilbert Sanchez, Jr.
Holly Sansone
Wendy Sarkkinen
Adam Savicz
Richard Schmitt
Julie Schmitt
Mark Schubert

Aaron Schultz
Ryan Schultz
Cassie Schultz
Lee Schulz, Jr.
Amanda Schumacher
Matthew Sedoris
Ashley Seibal
Jeremy Selvage



MR. Wells kicked the ball during a game of kickball and Renee took one for the team, catching his ball, but popping her thumb out of place. Unfortunately, this was just an hour before she was set to leave for a Natural Helpers retreat. She was a real trooper (Mr. Wells told her to go to the nurse, but she popped it back into place herself and then drove to the E.R. so she could make it on time for the retreat **BUS**).

Tesa Emmart (middle)

AS a dancer, she did a marvelous job choreographing "The King and I". This girl proves that senior class vice presidents do not have to be boring. Surprisingly enough, even though she has jumped off cliffs in Arizona, she has never broken a bone. While at home, she hangs out with

her pug **HARVEY.**

John Andrews (left)

HE plays varsity on the school soccer team and junior varsity on the golf team. In his own words: "I am actually more intelligent than I look. My main concern is just trying to conceal my huge muscles." He plays premier soccer for the M.S.A. Crew, he is an exquisite dancer and even has a personal body guard (Joe Guidarelli). Just look at that **SMILE!**

Nick Hammond (right)

HE played soccer for the high school and for a spring traveling league, the Millenium Crew. He will also be traveling to Hawaii to play in a junior showcase tournament by invitation. He skis and plans to pursue a career in marketing/**BUSINESS.**

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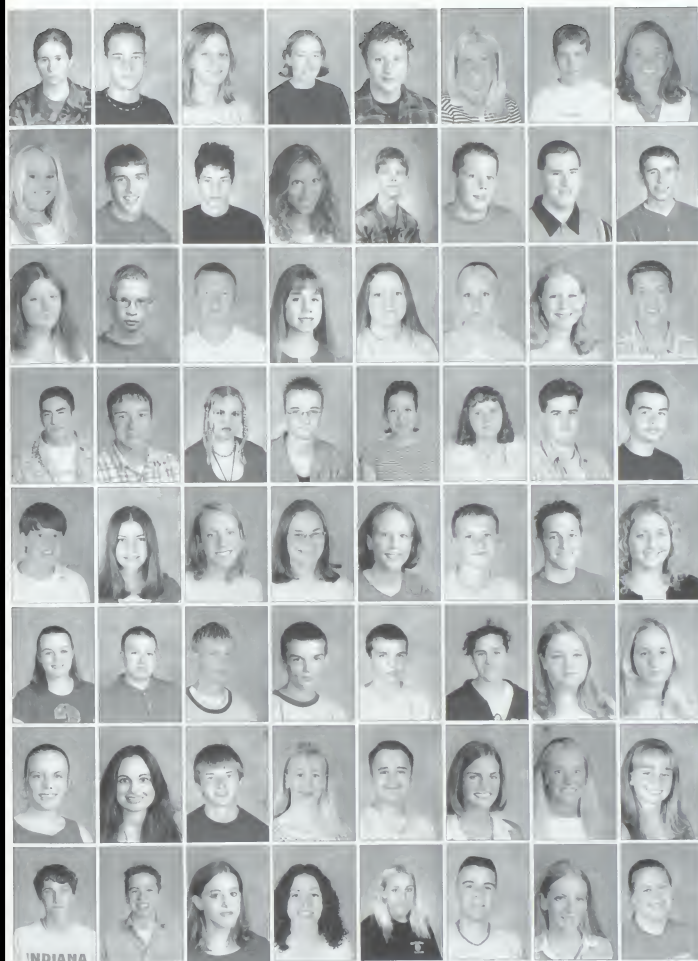


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Jacqueline Shelton
Brock Shipley
Brian Solar
Dyana Silva
Holly Simcox
Cuyler Simmons

Steven Sirko
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Daniel Smeltzer
Eric Smith
James Smith
Sarah Smith
Toni Smith
Kyle Sonaty

Jessica Sosa
Melany Soto
Holly Specht





Shena Stacy
Lee Stammis
Elizabeth Stanish
Sarah Stoehr
Nathan Stokes
Morgan Stout
Jeff Styers
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Timothy Timpe
Bryan Tinsley
Lisa Tometzak
Rita Trevino
Paula Truth
Nancy Turpin
Ryan Twilla

Bradford Tyskiewicz
Matthew Urquidi
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Dale Veatch
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Tabbitha Vicari
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Christopher Vincent

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Caitlin Walstra
Nicole Walters
Christine Wampler
Joshua Wargo
Andrew Warren
Lynda Watson

Samantha Weaver
Brian Weiland
Ryan West
Brian Westerkamp
Gregory Westerkamp
Maryann Whelchel
Stefanie Wherry
Crystal White

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Kristine Wilkie
Brandon Williams
Danielle Wilson
Steven Wireman
Alice Wozniak
Melissa Wright
Rebecca Wyatt

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Gina York
Kristen Zaper
Cristin Zaragoza
Jonathon Ziulkowski
Lyndsay Zorick
Alison Zuidervliet

CLASS '04



Danielle Abram
Heather Adduci
Saduf Akhlag
Joshua Akins
Danielle Allsbury
Alejandro Alvarez
Laura Anderson
Ashley Andrews



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Nicholas Appelman
Joseph Arnold
Vanessa Arroyo
Kyle Autrey
Jennifer Ayers
David Baco
Jillian Bailey



Sara Bailey
Roberto Balderas
Dana Ballard
Jerald Balta
Jessica Barajas
James Barnes
Steven Barnes
Timothy Bart, Jr.



Alexandria Batista
Glen Batista
Michael Becker
Amanda Beiswanger
David Bellamy
Jonathan Beller
Maria Belleville
Brandon Bement



Alexis Bendt
Louis Berg
Ashley Bernardi
Matthew Berquist
John Berryman
James Berumen
Ricky Bey
Christopher Bibby





Katie Bielefeld
Ashley Biggs
Justin Bilderback
Brian Bissonette
Megan Blatsioris
Ambrosia Borowski
Joseph Boruff
Stephanie Bottorff

Kenneth Boykin II
Sean Boylan
Thomas Bradshaw
Nicholas Bravo
Jashan Brewer
Caitlyn Brewster
Christopher Brock
Rebecca Broyles

Michael Brunzman
Brad Brutout
Zachery Bryan
Branden Buchmeier
Jason Buda
Amber Butala
Stephanie Butler
Holly Callahan

Nicole Camarillo
John Camery III
Kenny Camp
Rachel Cantu
Fabian Caraballo
Casey Carr
Donald Catlin III
Jonathan Cavezza

Chad Chalfant II
Shannon Chavez
Cody Chayitz
Paul Cherepko
Brittany Childers
Alex Clark
Emily Cliver
Matthew Cody

Should SOPHOMORES TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL? have the Privilege

Driving to school is a privilege for juniors and seniors only. Sophomores have often questioned their privileges when it comes to this issue. After completing the Driver's Education course during the summer, many sophomores wonder why they are still not allowed to drive, but others oppose the whole idea.

74%

YES

NIKKI dodey, sophomore

"No, the parking lot is already packed with irresponsible juniors and seniors so why take a chance with the sophomores."

JOSHUA sanders,
sophomore

NO

NO

26%

Mr. Caven has inspired me the most because he is always there and he's an awesome teacher.



Sophomore

KELLY gaba



STUDENTS learn to work with the Microsoft programs in beginning applications. Sophomore Ashley Cox took this class to excel in her computer **SKILLS.**

TIME spent in Mrs.
Deborah Gannon's class
is always enjoyable for
sophomore Kristin Wilk
during fashion
textiles.



I shop at
Abercrombie &
Finch 'cause my
mom pays for it.



Sophomore
LORENZO Lacey

Kevin Coffman
Kristin Coffman
Jessica Cohen
Megan Coleman
Michelle Coleman
Richard Colvin III
Rachael Cooper
Tara Cooper



Ryan Coppingier
Jessica Coros
Ashley Cowger
Theodore Craig
Joshua Crandall
Zachary Cripe
Anna Crowley
Shaun Cunningham



Lauren D'Azzena
James Davis
Jonathon Davis
Paul Davy
Jordan Deckard
Julia Delacruz
Crystal Delgado
Artemio Delreal



Michael Dellurco
Tara Demaria
Joseph Depaula
Kathleen Diamond
Kate Dieringer
Elizabeth Dilts
Amanda Ditch
Amanda Dixon



Samantha Dixon
Susan Doane
Sara Domonkos
Alissa Donohue
Amy Donohue
Kathleen Dougherty
Mary Dranchach
Joshua Dubach



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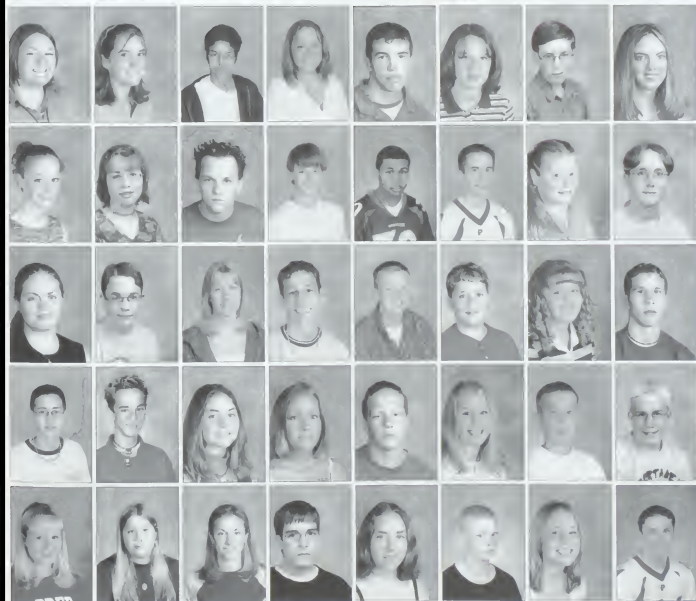


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Bryan Elkins
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Crystal Espinosa
Anthony Evans
Elise Evans
Kassandra Evetts



AS in every block,
sophomore Melodie Series
works hard and concen-
trates on her boutique
project in craft **CLASS.**

IN Mrs. Bonnie Albert's
fourth block Geometry class,
sophomore David Mercheck is
clearly the "exemplary
student" for **OTHERS.**



Elizabeth Ewen
Kathryn Eyermann
Luis Fabres
Christine Fadely
Joseph Fadely
Megan Fannin
Joseph Faraone
Christina Farley

Sheila Farley
Valerie Farley
Jason Feigl
Alan Fengya
David Ferrell
Bryan Fielder
Kensay Fields
James Fisher

Ashley Flagg
Samuel Flick
Elizabeth Foye
Jason Gaboian
Robert Gaffin
Alexander Gaines
Melanie Garner
Joshua Garza

Michael Gass
Kyle Geddes
Kristin Geros
Ava Gibson
Jason Goble
Jessica Goldsmith
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Brandon Gorgei

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Erin Hall
Sean Hall

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Alexandra Hansen
Brandon Hatch
Valarie Havlin
Donald Hayworth
Carolyn Healy
Lisa Heckman
Samantha Heckman



Timothy Heffernan
Jessica Helmick
Kenneth Henderson
Priscilla Hernandez
Andrew Herrera
Renee Hertaus
Kelly Higgins
John Hilbert



Blaine Hilton
Darrell Hobgood, Jr.
Robert Hodges
Shirley Hollifield
Meagan Homolla
Matthew Hoover
Brandi Hoskins
Craig Houchens



Matthew Howard
John Hoyo, Jr.
Phillip Hritz
Nicholas Hurley
Michaelpaul Hutchins
Nicole Huttel
Timothy Hyde
Christopher Isaac



William Jacob
James Jadrych
Tera Jaeger
Amanda Jarosak
Krystal Jenne
Eric Johnson
Steven Jones
Jeffrey Kalch



Geoffrey Kallimani
Adam Kalman
Bryan Keefover
Matthew Kerns
Brandon Kirkpatrick
Dane Klakoski
Nichole Kleckner
Briana Klinek



Michael Knickerbocker
Sheila Koarge
Stephen Kometz
Ryan Konopasek
Dale Koveski
Krystle Kozik
Kristopher Krabbenhoef
Terry Krajefski



Adam Krol
Daniel Laboy
Lorenzo Lacey
Bridget Ladra
Anthony Laingren
Meghan Lamping
Kara Lane
Krystal Latham



Danielle Lawrence
Hunter Lawson-Lloyd
Jacquelyn Lazar
Alisha Lazaro
Jeremy Leggett
Kyle Lerch
Sheri Levack
William Liesch



"I like Mr. Lochmondy because he has free lotion on his desk," says sophomore John **MCKEE.**

Cash to Spend

Written

Priscilla Hernandez

Sophomores find jobs for their own benefit.



Buying clothes, having extra cash, and saving for a car are several reasons why many sophomores look to find a part-time job, usually in a nearby fast-food restaurant or a department store. At the age of fifteen, students are eligible to apply for a worker's permit but most likely will not get hired until he or she is at least sixteen.

School work is a major priority for most responsible sophomores and a student's grades in required classes, such as Chemistry, Geometry, and English, often suffer as a consequence of a part-time job. Employed students must set standards for themselves and not work beyond their own limits. Dollar signs frequently blur the vision of sophomore students when setting priorities straight.

There are those students who are able to balance their school life and after

school jobs easily.

"I work at Subway almost everyday and I still get A's and B's. It's not hard for me at all," said sophomore Julie Luther.

For some, academics may come easily and handling a job is no problem. It all depends on the person and how well he or she can adapt and organize himself.

Sophomore Goran Nastaski said, "I only work one day a week at Cappel's so I don't have any problem with my grades." Part-times jobs can benefit students if they make the right decisions. Employed students learn the meaning of responsibility from experience and prepare themselves for society as they deal with all types of people and personalities.

Whether employed or not, sophomores are just beginning to learn the economic realities that they will endure while having a job and being young.



Laura Linamen
Brandon Lindsey
Samantha Jo Lira
Terry Little II
Michael Loewe
Erika Lopez
Ashley Luellman
Julie Luther

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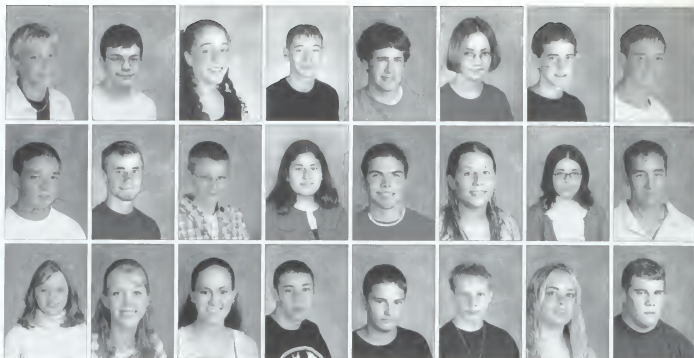
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Ryan Moore
Bertha Morales
Nicholas Mucha
Brandi Mullen
Rosa Munguia-Arias
David Murcek

Victoria Murray
Megan Myers
Andria Najar
Darrin Najar
Goran Nastoski
Jason Nelson
Kristen Newcomb
Matthew Newton



A Day in the Life of

Brandon Ratigan



Brandon starts his day early, using Peppident toothpaste, to freshen his smile.



After school, Brandon often plays basketball as a relaxing hobby.

He plays the piano for his church Calvary Temple from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Before the day ends, Brandon enjoys reading from the Bible.

Now he can sleep peacefully after completing his daily routines.



WORKING

with clay is just one of the types of artwork done in this class. Sophomore Tara Cooper plans to mold her clay into a flower POT.



No, sophomores shouldn't be able to go to prom because it's traditional for just juniors and seniors.



Sophomore
MORGAN Ekdahl



Patrick Nickos
Lisa Niloff
Kandi Nugent
Vincent Nygra
Matthew O'Brien
Erin O'Reilly
Jeannette Olejniczek
Ashley Oliver

Justin Olson
Dawn Oresik
Justin Oriz
Jennifer Owen
Lindsay Owen
Jamie Pachmayer
Jacob Parker
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Nikita Patel
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Daniel Piasecki
Sarah Pieschala
Steven Podlecki
Eric Polewski

Josephine Pomales
Micheline Ponda
Shelley Poznic
Christina Priest
Katherine Proper
Bernard Pruim
Christopher Puckett
William Purcell

Sarah Racich
Elyse Radakovich
Heather Ramian
Priscilla Ramos
Jennifer Rance
Joshua Rebeck
Kristin Reisinger
Steven Richards

Ashley Richie
Danielle Ricker
Krystal Rigoni
Anna Rivera
Elizabeth Robbins
Stacy Roberts
Lisa Robinson
Jeremiah Rocha

Ashley Rodriguez
Brett Rogers
Justin Roman
Heather Romo
Yadira Rosado
Shanadora Roseberry
Tamra Rudziewicz
Dalena Ruggeri

Saisha Rumble
Jonathan Rush
Amy Ryan
Elizabeth Ryan
Caryn Rybecki
Margaret Sabin
Emily Safstrom
Gregory Saklaczynski

IN Mr. Jimmy Downes' speech class, senior Bumika Patel and sophomore Vincent Nygra film their commercial for "smart POP."



A Day in the Life of

Jade begins her day at 5:00 a.m. perfecting her image before school starts.



Jade is always ready to volunteer for work in Mrs. Monsivais's Spanish class.

From 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Jade stays active with dance practice for the pom team.



After her long day at school, Jade attends ballet practice at 8:00 p.m. She just keeps dancing.

Finally this dancing queen can rest after an eventful day.

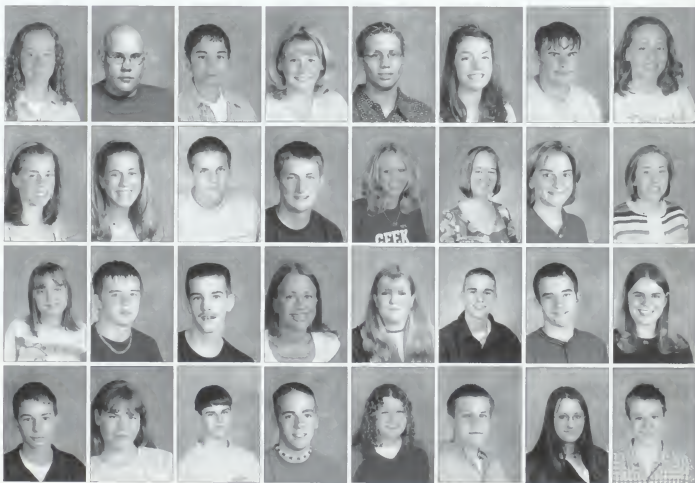


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Cory Sly
Chad Smith
Kelly Smith
Leonard Smock
Jennifer Sorrels
David Spacek





Kellisue Sparks
Shawn Sparks
Lindsey Speer
Jonathan Spurlock
Kyle Spurr
Kimberly Stafford
Jessica Stanley
Amanda Stasi

Meredith Stasik
Michael Steege
Amber Steeley
Kristin Stewart
Michelle Stock
Jacqueline Stone
Autumn Stoner
Jaclyn Swanson

Brenda Talley
Katrenea Tauger
Stephanie Taylor
James Terpstra
Jonathan Tokarski
Daniel Toomey
Diana Trepanier
Vanessa Trimble

Joel Tummond
Daniel Uhle, Jr.
Elizabeth Vale
Matthew Valtierra
Cassandra Vandergriff
Steven Vaughn
Daniel Velazquez
Misty Vickrey

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Kristina Wagoner
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Amanda Wathern

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Christina Wiler
Kristin Wilk

Marissa Wilken
Adam Willford
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Nicholas Williams
Lindsey Wilson
Jennifer Wilt

Kathleen Winth
Hillary Woloshansky
Heather Wood
Michelle Wright
Delanie Yernack
Kenneth York
Beatrice Zamarron
Robert Zbikowski

Nathan Ziulkowski
Vanessa Ziulkowski



Andrew Adair
Joshua Adkins
Joseph Aimone
Jason Aimutis
Amber Akhlaq
Jacob Akins
Monika Alexander
David Allen



Richard Alliss
Daniel Alonzo
Catherine Andrews
Derek Andrews
Elaine Andrews
Kevin Arend
Rachel Armes
Genevieve Arnold



Krista Arvidson
Brian Ayers
Robert Bailey
Robin Bailey
Brittany Banic
Ashley Barajas
Jacqueline Barnum
Christopher Bartley



Caitlin Bartz
Aimee Bass
Gabrielle Bassett
Buster Battreall
Ryan Bauer
Melissa Beal
Nicole Beal
Leah Bears



Lauren Bellar
Holly Benz
Brett Bernes
Daniel Biby
Colvin Blanford III
Brian Blanton
Jessica Blanton
Rachel Blejski





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Zachary Bohling
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Kaylyn Bornheim
Laura Boskey

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Alexis Casey
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Nicole Catlin
Ryan Cepolski

Michael Cetner
Steven Chabes
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Sharise Chancey
Shiela Chancey
Alejandro Chavez
Cory Chayhitz
Dennis Christopher

Krisan Cieszkiewicz
Amanda Clark
Kristen Clark
Melissa Clark
Kayla Cochran
Veronica Colburn
Eli Collazo
Jose Collazo

Justin Collins
Randi Colville
Andrew Colvin
Sadie Conover
Kayla Conroy
Adam Cook
Christiana Cook-Dame
Jeffery Copeland

Julian Corona
Brandon Council
Phillip Cowger
Ashley Craft
Robert Crecelius
Valerie Cremer
Christopher Curiel
Melissa Dabu

Melanee Dallas
Amy Danielewicz
Katelyn Davenport
Kyle Dean
Maribel Deseles
Kyle Devaney
Mitchell Diamond
Danielle Dienes



Angelica Dillin
Kevin Dixon
Jacquelyn Doering
Timothy Dohner
Angela Donohue
Kryslle Dove
Andrew Dranchak
Dezso Duerr



Stephanie Durkin
Kristian Edders
Ashley Edmonds
Anthony Edwards
Tiffany Efanitis
Kelly Elsey
Matthew Engel
Kristopher Enstrom



Brittany Esposito
William Evans
Stephen Evola
Melanie Fabian
Joshua Farley
Kristin Fedor
Natalie Finnegan
Dustin Foster



Lauren Foye
Kali Foyteck
Bryana Fravel
Steven Frye
Gina Gaboian
Timothy Gasaway II
James Geary III
Samantha Gemala



Pointless Information

We filter out 99 percent of the sights, sounds, and other sensations around us if they don't seem threatening or important. If we did not filter, the sensory overload would drive us insane.

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CAREER explorations is one of the required classes that freshmen have to take. Here freshman Shartise Chancey is typing a report on a career she looked **INTO.**



ONE of the advantages of an eight minute passing period is being able to use lockers. Here freshman Andrew Robbins grabs a book out of his

LOCKER.

High vs. Middle

Written

Kimberly Momola and
Elizabeth Richards

*there are some gaps
between the schools.*



There are many differences between being in middle and high school. Some of the biggest differences are block scheduling and the number of student bodies. There are more opportunities such as having the freedom to choose different classes and the freedom to choose what will go in your stomach at lunch. "The main difference between the schools is that they have ravioli in high school," stated freshman Jacob McCormick.

Some of the overall surrounding changes are having two buildings and having eight minute passing periods. Another distinctive transition is the ability to sign up for many different after school organizations or sports.

There are numerous rumors that are sometimes great and at other times they are horrible. Some of the rumors might break you or make you popular. Rumors also spread a lot quicker than in middle school. While at school you get more publicity for the superb work that you do either in the newspaper or on television. Everything that you do counts against you or for you.

It is obvious that there are many differences between middle and high school, such as the way people act and the way they grow, but the one thing does not change is that we all grow into up sooner or later.



Amber Gentry
Bobby Gifford
Adam Gilbert
Bryan Gilbert
Nathan Gilbert
Brittany Gill
Raymond Goss
Steven Gossett

Gregory Graczyk
Sarah Gramhofer
David Granillo
Nolan Graves
Amanda Gray
Monica Green
Neal Guidarelli
Tiffany Gurski

Douglas Hale
Jonathon Halfmann
Mark Hallmen
Nathan Hand
Lisa Hansen
Teri Harrington
Sarah Harris
Rodney Hatchett, Jr.

Jessica Hatfield
Amanda Hayes
Charlotte Heckman
Matthew Helpingstine
Michael Henry
Joshua Henry
Shelby Hensley
Andrew Hernandez

Crystal Herr
John Hesseltine
Brie Hetrick
Whitney Hill
David Hinojosa
Steven Hojacki
Cara Horner
Mary Horvath

AS freshman Eli Collazo sits in his algebra class he concentrates on his test. Tests are a big part of the final **GRADE.**



Freshman
JESSICA riffett

The difference between middle and high school is that girls matured and guys didn't.

Jeremy Hostetter
Rebecca Hostetter
Peter Hubbard
Heather Hufgard
Shawna Hughes
Jacob Huston
Heather Hylemon
Bret Jacobs

Jennifer Jacobs
Ashley Jalovecky
Darko Jasic
Carlos Jimenez
Troy Johnson
Marc Jones
Christopher Jordan
Audrey Kalman

Amanda Kapalko
Megan Keen
Brad Kemp
David Kendall
Robert Kendall, Jr.
Cynthia Marie Kennedy
Jacquelyn Kennedy
Joey Kibble

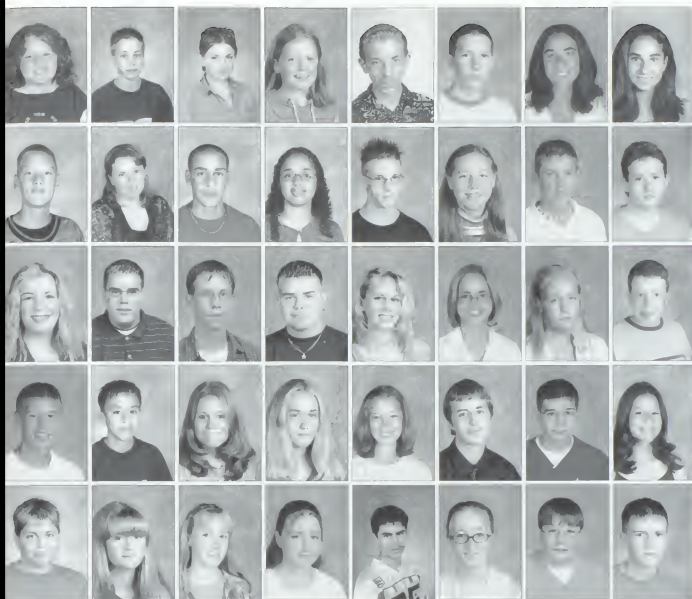
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Brittany Kilgore
Margaret Killmer
Michael Kirk
Ashley Kirkpatrick
Jennifer Knudsen
Brandon Kooton
Kelly Kobylinski

Mitchell Konchar
Elizabeth Koonce
John Kornacki
Steven Kowalczyk
Kendal Krass
Dana Krenkel
Danae Krenkel
Robert Krooswyk

Jack Kuehl
Leitha Lake
Ashley Lankford
David Larson
Anthony Leal
Steven Leffert
Steven Lehmann
Michael Leith

Michael Leucuta
Brandon Lewis
Rebecca Leyba
Ashley Liebig
Samantha Lingenfelter
Eric Loeffler
Nicole Lopez
Jessica Ludwig





Jaime Luedtke
Charles Mahaffey
Jami Maisonneuve
Elizabeth Malast
Mitchell Mannino
Brandon Marcotte
Heather Markwell
Tracy Markwell

Kenneth Marston
Megan Martin
James Martinez
Sharlitz Martinez
Patrick Matney
Vanessa Mayfield
Thomas Mayoch III
Eric Mays

Ashley Mazur
Zachary Mazur
Daniel McCune
Eric McGann
Danielle McIntyre
Meredith McLeod
Jessica McWhirter
Kristopher Meanovich

Brandon Melcic
Joseph Mendoza
Nina Mendoza
Alexandra Meneakis
Laura Merkner
William Messer
Daniel Meyers
Rebecca Meyers

Jason Mihal
Tarin Milligan
Jessica Mills
Amber Mickleless
Steven Mitre
Erin Mitts
Timothy Mocabee II
Brian Modesto

A Day in the Life of Steven Trathen

Rise and shine!
Steve gets up at
6:00 a.m. to get
ready for school.



Here Steve is
having a
conversation on
the phone with
his girlfriend
freshman
Jessica Sazbo.



On his free time,
Steve plays a
guitar for a band
which happens to
be nameless
solar.



Steve is
standing in front
of his poster
filled walls. He
likes music such
as alternative
punk and heavy
metal.



After a long hard day
Steve lays down to
get a little shut eye.



A Day in the Life of Ashley

Am I not the most beautiful thing? Here Ashley has just awoken and washes her face.



Ashley spends a lot of her free time dancing.

Here Ashley is spending time with her boyfriend, Dave Rains. "I love Ashley. She is so amazing and perfect. I hope we are together for a long time."



Ashley was the only freshman on the first place National Pom team.



After a long day of practicing, hanging out with friends and going to school, Ashley lays down to sleep.



Amanda Morales
Brandon Morgan
Brendon Morris
Krystal Mueller
Ryan Mueller
Alex Mulherin
Melissa Mullin
Eric Mundt



Mark Munro
Robert Munro
Charles Munsell
Charles Murphy
Michael Nasiatka
Eric Naumann
Katie Nelson
Kimberly Nelson



Samantha Newbeck
Matthew Neyhart
Suzanne Nikolic
Genevieve Nimeth
Bradley Norkus
Timothy Norris
Daniel Nowaczky
Lucas Obermeyer



Sarah Orlich
Anthony Ortega
Tegan Ortiz
Michelle Otero
Ryan Palmer
Athanasia Papachronis
Michael Parker
Michelle Parker



Tiare Parker
Kevin Parkerson
Alex Passo
Christina Pearson
Kristina Pekovic
Jennifer Perrine
Joshua Phillips
Cara Pivarnik





Matthew Plummer
Alex Popplewell
Victoria Pryle
Stephanie Pugh
Stephan Puskac
Emily Pyle
Frank Quarles
Danielle Rader

David Ragnone, Jr.
David Rains
Tedd Ray
Brandy Reiner
David Reisen
Randall Reno, Jr.
Joshua Rey
Keith Rhodes

Kyle Ribar
Jacqueline Rice
Megan Richmond
Jason Ricker
Jessica Riffett
Christopher Rigoni
Kyle Riley
Jessica Ring

Matthew Rio
Nathaniel Ritchie
Amanda Rivera
Milton Rivera, Jr.
Tonya Robbins
Felicia Robson
Nicole Rodriguez
Nina Rodriguez

Yesenia Rodriguez
Sarah Rogers
Steve Rogers
William Ronk
John Rooney
Steven Rosenbaum
Benjamin Rosenberger
Joshua Rosendaul

Mark Rosperski
Paige Roy
Megan Royce
Katie Ryan
Trisha Sabocik
Amy Samplawski
Alfredo Sanchez
Damon Sanchez

Jovanny Sanchez
Michael Sandage II
Erica Sanetznik
Anita Santana
Sarah Santana
Rachael Sarson
Natasha Schaefer
Mark Schueer



freshman
ALEJANDRO chavez

I will tell it like
it is, I like the
ladies!



WHILE some students
are actively playing, others
take no dresses for days
when they are not up to
gym. An example of this is
freshman Zachary Bohling
while he reads a **BOOK.**

Michael Schmitz
Steven Schultz
Christy Scott
Kevin Shea
Christopher Sholar
Denise Singh
Jesse Sklarz
Joel Slankowski



Timothy Slatton
Emily Smith
Michael Smith
Paige Smith
Teresa Smith-Garcia
Eric Snellgrove
Nicholas Spasoff
Ronald Spear, Jr.



Brett Spotten
Ashley Sprague
Philip Stamms
Desa Stanley
Stephanie Stasi
Alexis Stathakis
Rodney Staton
Kelly Steiner



Nichole Sterling
Lynda Stinson
Jeanna Stolarz
Nicholas Sturges
Shannon Stutler
Scott Swanson
Jessica Szabo
Molly Talbot



Katrina Taskey
Michael Thurber
Catalinn Tibbetts
Micah Tilford
Sara Timberman
Steven Trathen
Tuyen Truong
Robert Tuesburg



Sarah Tugurian
Clarence Underwood III
Jessica Valle
Donald Vander Wal III
Ashley Vargas
Craig Vargas
Roberta Vargas
Eric Vasquez



Rachel Vasquez
Josette Villegas
Antionette Vulpitta
Joseph Wadle
Jennifer Waite
Kandice Walls
Lindsey Warfield
Daniel Warren



Ronald Waters
Heather Watson
Christina Webber
Jennifer Weimer
Meredith Wheeler
Rachael Whitworth
Jean Wiatrowski
Justin Wilbanks



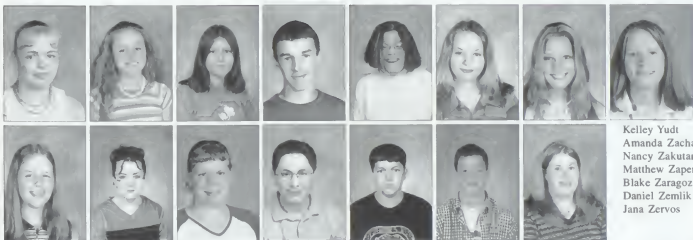
Erick Wilczynski
Kevin Wilhelm
Randall Wilkening, Jr.
Bryan Wilkon II
James Wilson
Jeremy Wilson
Nathan Winsor
William Wood





BOYS try hard to meet the standards of upper classmen. Here freshmen Buster Battreall and Andrew Dranchak compare **MUSCLES.**

PROJECTS are a major part of freshman classes. Hallways provide extra room for the rather large amount of students in very small **ROOMS.**



Kimberly Woodard
Marissa Wright
Melinda Wright
Nathan Wright
Hasti Yaghmai
Krystal York
Brienne Young
Melody Young

Kelley Yudi
Amanda Zacharuk
Nancy Zakutansky
Matthew Zaper
Blake Zaragoza
Daniel Zemlik
Jana Zervos

Pointless Information

Sight accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all sensory perceptions.

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IN gym class students take a break from swimming strenuous laps by playing water ball! Guys and girls alike have a **BLAST.**

CLASS

FACULTY



Mary Allison
Jane Arden
Heidi Babcock
William Bodnar
Carrie Brown
Amy Burke
Carrie Carlson
Larry Casbon



Leslee Cashmore
Heather Castle
Joshua Cavan
Lois Chalmers-Macmillan
Janice Christ
Cheryl Clapp
Clara Clark
Lorrie Cohen



Barbara Cook
Sandy Corso
Kevin Damerell
Sidney Dobson
James Douglas
James Downes
Vicky Evans
Katie Ewoldt



Mark Fischer
Deborah Gannon
Vanessa George
Julie Goetz
Jerry Hale
Ronald Hancock
Anthony Harper
Mark Harsha



Debra Heitmann
Sandra Herr
Linda Hicks
Jay Hodges
Lynn Huerta
Scott Hufford
Christina Huizar
Kathleen Hull





Cathie Jacobs
 Roberta Jocius
 Dawn Johnson
 Robert Kania
 Mark Karmel
 Charity Kehoe
 Christine Kern
 Richard Kirchner

Kathy Kkotyuk
 Anthony Klimczak
 Gerri Kotyuk
 Arlene Kramer
 Richard Kretz
 Annette Kucmatycki
 Jerry Lasky
 Linda Lemond

Thomas Levandoski
 Mike Lipinski
 Barbara Lochmondy
 Bryan Lochmondy
 Judith Lowery
 Mary Lute-Brown
 Sara Lux
 Marissela Lynch

Robert Maicher
 John Major Johnston
 Jill Mangold
 Carrie Martin-Smith
 Rich Mason
 Bob Mattix
 Sue Mc Pherson
 Dan Merrill

Teacher Match-Up

1. This teacher was on the Pan Squad in high school, met her husband through a twelve year-old she babysat, and in her spare time acts as extras in movies.
2. This teacher is a guitar, bass, harmonica, bagpipe, piano playing poet who rides a motorcycle when he isn't reading, cooking, working on his house, or racing.
3. This teacher sings to a four part barbershop harmony with a Sweet Adeline Chorus called "Great Lake Sound" and also sings to a barbershop quartet called "The Shades of Sound."
4. This teacher lived in Northern Italy for several months, and is also a huge fan of the "Dr. Who" television series.
5. This teacher's favorite past time is attending rock concerts such as M. A., Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kid Rock, Deftones, Foo Fighters, Dave Matthews, Rob Zombie, Status, and even U2.
6. This teacher has had the same goldfish for two years and refuses to name it to fear that it will go "belly up."
7. This teacher has competed in rodeo events on a semi-pro level for ten years.
8. This teacher has a bachelors degree in fine arts, and also loves hockey (ice or roller) because there is nothing better than knocking someone down and beating them with a stick.

A. Mr. Downes

B. Mrs. Lute

C. Mrs. O'Neil

D. Mr. Pridelwitz

E. Mr. Shepard

F. Mr. Klimczak

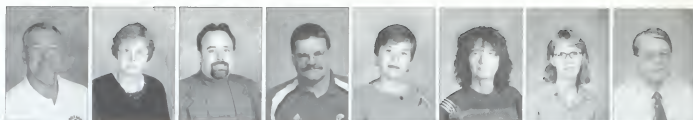
G. Mrs. Parks

H. Mrs. Lynch



THE game plan is being shown to the varsity girls during a time out that has been called by Coach Renee **TURPA.**

Terry Milner
Jill Milteer
Patrick Moody
Ralph Mundt
Agripina Munoz
Arlene Neill
Penny O'Neill
David Ochoa



Robert Parker
Sheila Parker
Ruth Parks
Lori Pavell
Linda Peda
Melanie Peda
Audra Peterson
Tim Pivarnik



Robert Prellwitz
Caren Prow-Swickard
Jennifer Randall
Wanda Rice
Carolyn Rodea
Jose Rodea
Sheri Ruge
Bill Schott



Darryl Schultz
Kathy Shader
Larry Shepard
Laura Sicker
Marjorie Slankowski
Jeff Smenyak
Debra Smith
Joseph Sparacino



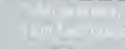
TEACHER
Mrs. Kern lectures
freshmen students on
their future, in career
explorations **CLASS.**

What would you be if you weren't a teacher?



Charles Torres, math

"I am an accountant, financial planner, and an attorney because I am a math nerd."



Mariela Lunch, keyboarding

"I am a singer, I would be a famous keyboard player and I am too good with patching my life."



Robert Kania, chemistry

"I am a bodybuilder, I would be Mike Mentzer and I would go deal with him."

Lynn Huerta, spanish

"This is all I've ever wanted to be. I've always liked to make things, and the design field fits, especially these structures problem learning."



can you *believe* these kids?

The totally appealing/appalling student report

"It's really nice when a student will just come up to me to say 'hi' in the hall, and I'm having a bad day. It makes me feel better." - Mrs. Goetz

"Sometimes I'll have students that write me a note, and leave it on my desk just to tell me what a good job I am doing and it makes my day so much better, and it makes me feel like I am a good teacher." - Mrs. Parker

"One particular incident occurred when a hapless young lady discovered a pair of mens underwear under her desk. She became disgusted and began to accuse every boy in the class of being the owner of jockeys. Ultimately, suspicion fell on one who seemed a likely culprit. His immediate assertive response, which invoked a gagging response from the group was, "It can't be mine! I never wear underwear." - Mr. Schott

While playing the guitar,
Mr. Downes gets down with
senior Misty Cole at this
year's **AIRBAND.**



Mary Sparacino
Cynthia Splitgerber
Madeline Summers
Larry Tharp
Charles Tomes
Gail Trobaugh
Pete Turpa
Renee Turpa

Juanita R Viera
Tom Wells
Donna White
Tony Williams
Virginia Wilt
Yan Wolfman
Chris Woods
Dawn Yovanovich

John Zack

A Word With Dale

Interviewed

Rebecca Anders

Dale reveals a glimpse of his interests and hobbies.

How long have you worked for the school?
"three years"

How did you become the assistant coach for the Varsity Football Team?

"I was talking to 'Buzz' (Coach Buzea) and they wanted someone who could handle the equipment, be inclined with tools and anything that he needed done...I'm the equipment guy..."

What do you do in your spare time?

"I spend time with my family, (especially) my kids, Nancy and Austin."

What are your hobbies?

"My girlfriend and I watch NASCAR and usually go to Michigan to watch races."

Any other hobbies?

"Just football, I love watching it or helping with the team."

What's the best thing about football?

"Seeing the kids up in the stands watching."

GRADUATING from Portage in 1989, Dale Broadway went to Florida working as a sandblaster and then returned now working for his SCHOOL.



WHEN not behind a computer or answering the phone, the secretaries show signs of school spirit hidden beneath their professional LOOK.



K. K. yudt



K. K. yudt

SECRETARY for office B, Melanie Gorden is often swamped with paperwork and telephone **CALLS**.

E. A. richards



WITHOUT the service of janitors such as Carla Garner, students would not be able to raid the vending machines between **CLASSES**.

USING road barriers, parking lot security Ray Ballesterio manipulates traffic before the buses begin to **ARRIVE**.

Drowning out the Silence

The presumption that high school teenagers lead lazy, unfulfilled days has been wholeheartedly eradicated. Students are intent on *drowning* every day with activities and events in order to make the most of their high school experience. Many claim that the single element that made high school fun, memorable, and worthwhile was their level of involvement. Relationships are fostered and indelible memories have been etched into the hearts of many as they let more people into their lives. Those all too familiar sounds are the roar of the crowd during homecoming games, the cries of a saddened friend weeping on one's shoulder, the short, abrupt cracks coming *out* of the popcorn machine while at work, and *the* excited shouts from students as their dear friends step up to receive their diploma. These are the sounds of our lives. They transform a pale world of *silence* into a vivid haven, bustling with activity and liveliness.

EARNING HER ROYALTY THROUGH NICETIES AND

SINCERE CONSIDERATION, SENIOR ASHLEY

PLOMMER HAS BEEN BESTOWED THE TITLE OF

HOMECOMING PRINCESS, PROM PRINCESS, AND

HOMECOMING QUEEN THROUGHOUT HER HIGH

SCHOOL TENORE. POSSESSING HER OWN

COLLECTION OF SPARKLING TIARAS, THE TIME

FINALLY ARRIVED FOR PLOMMER TO PASS ON

THE CROWN.



FOR some athletes, the season does not end when the school year does. PHS cheerleaders stop for a drink of water during the blistering hot Fourth of July Parade on Central Avenue. The girls won the admiration of many as they stunted and tumbled on the concrete **GROUND.**



MANY seasonal jobs surface during the summer time. Senior lifeguard Christina Vega poses with her favorite member at Innsbrook Country **CLUB.**

ROME sure draws a lot of tourists during the summer. Senior Samantha Cottrell stands in front of the world famous Roman Coliseum during her **VACATION.**



Taking It All In

FHS Students Enjoy The Freedom Summer Holds

Summer... to some it means freedom, to others it means work. Some students spend their summers in exotic, far away places. Other students are forced to stay in the small town called Portage, Indiana in order to work and maintain a decent paycheck to pay for their many expenses. Then there are those who spend their summer laying out on the warm sand of the nearby beaches. "The greatest thing about summer break is all the girls in bikinis," says senior Laronce Mabon.

Summer vacation is a wonderful time when sleep does not have to be interrupted for school. "I love all of the extra sleep and getting to wear my bikini all day," says sophomore Danielle Abram. During summer break students get to wear whatever they like; there are no teachers or principles to reprimand them on their inappropriate clothing. In the end, summer vacation is just a time to get away from all the stress we disguise under the name "school." It is a time to gather with close friends and make everlasting memories.



WHILE fishing in Michigan senior April Adduci holds up the sunfish she caught for a photo. April goes camping with her grandparents every

SOME students spend their spare time at the beach during the summer. Senior Kayla Rawdon flies a kite while the sun **SETS.**



HERE senior Randi Leggett
throws popcorn at her teammate.
In this game shaving cream is put
on the face and popcorn is thrown
to see how many pieces can **STICK**.

THE object of this
game was to crack an egg
over a teammate and have it
land in a cup. This game was
full of **LAUGHTER**.



ONE of the games
played was the tank relly.
In this game, students
were put in a cardboard
box and had to crawl to
the finish **LINE**.



WHILE many students
were involved in games,
freshman Alferdo Sanchez
had his faced painted.
During Celebrate America,
free snacks were **PROVIDED**.





PHS students show their support as they create a human flag. At this time, there was also a moment of **SILENCE.**

AS sophomore Andrew Hertara supports the USA by holding up a sign. Patriotic items were a big hit this **YEAR.**



Fun Day becomes Celebrate America

Students Celebrate Their Freedom.

It was September 20, 2001, a little more than a week after the terrorist attacks. "Fun Day" became "Celebrate America Day" in honor of all those who past away and those who became heroes in the sight of adversity. On this day the entire staff and students made a gigantic American flag. There were pictures taken for the school and other newspapers and a moment of silence for the many lives that were lost.

Junior Heather Radke said, "I

think it was well deserved. People don't even realize how important it really was."

The student body was able to have fun playing games, eating food, and socializing with new and old friends.

"I really loved it because I won everything," stated senior Alan Nagy.

It is true the day was filled with joy, but we will never forget about the lives that were lost.

story by KIMBERLY moneta



ONE of the main attractions was the dunk tank. Here junior Robert Rossi pulls back to throw the **BALL.**

Students Gain Personal Benefits

School Plays Are More Than Just Entertainment

"Up The Down Staircase" explained the struggles that people experience during their first year of teaching. The success of this production displays the hard work and determination that the students and teachers put into the performance.

The fall play shows the different acting and musical talents possessed by students. The performance was directed by Patrick Moody, an English teacher. Everyone involved contributed to the great outcome. Students participate in school plays more so

for personal benefits and enjoyment.

Dustin Senovic, junior, was in "WestSide Story" and said, "I believe that doing theater in high school heightens ones personality and depth in a way only the theater can."

Mary Dranchak, sophomore, was in "E/R" and said, "I love acting. The experience is wonderful and I like meeting new people."

These students explain why the fall plays are so successful and worth while to be in each year.



CAST members Jeff Jones, Alexis Chaddock, and Olivia Morales take a break during practice and grin for the **CAMERA.**

IN a rough school, sophomores Rachel Lake and Selena Guajardo act as students apart of a class not concerned in **LEARNING.**



AS a distraught teacher in a new school, senior Lisa Owen leads the play with her star **ROLE.**

THE "bad" student played by senior Eric Rivera models how some students find sleeping in class a common **HABIT.**



A PART of the noisy class, underclassmen Rachel Lake, Katie Nelson and Amanda Morales each carry a different personality adding to the **CONFLICT.**



L'hiver a Paris

Romantic Atmosphere Brings the Best Out of Students

The excitement of dressing up, going to a beautician, putting on fake nails, and wearing a gorgeous skin-bearing dress is something a girl can only look forward to two times in a school year. On December 8th, one of those times, the Winter Formal came along. This year, Student Council enticed the dance "Winter in Paris", also known as "L'hiver a Paris," and it was a lovely winter.

While some students went out to find the most unique dress in

Northwest Indiana, many were in for a surprise. Girls were found wearing similar dresses, which goes to show you are not always unique enough. However, some students did bring out the best in their attire, such as Samantha Cottrell, who designed her own dress. Cottrell states, "I love making clothes and thought it would be pretty original to make my own dress. Overall, I was very pleased." So was everyone else that made December 8th a night to remember.

SOME guys look for excuses to get a woman's touch. Junior Erik Garcia smirkingly waits as his flower is pinned by sophomore Amanda **STASI.**



THE decorations at the Winter Formal Dance exemplified pure elegance and this time showed true Parisian beauty with magnificent balloon arches. Sophomores Shawn Sparks and Emily Safstrom walk in glittering and ready to have **FUN.**





AS they sign up for photos and prepare to capture the night, senior Jessica Vega and junior Melissa Wright joke **AROUND.**



FRIENDS

can have fun together at the dance. Juniors Jacqueline Shelton and Morgan Stout are shown dancing to the

BEAT.

FIRST

times at high school dances always leave lasting impressions, especially for the freshmen that are ready to check in and

DANCE.



FOOD

Committee chair, junior Stephanie Murphy, had to put a lot into the dance. She even had to work during the

DANCE.

MANY students showed uniqueness in their grooming, such as freshman Bill Messer's top hat. Messer is shown dancing with freshman Gabrielle

BASSETT.

MANY students had New Year's Eve parties across Portage. A group of seniors get together and pose for a picture before the real partying **BEGINS.**



SOME friends got together for a secret pal gift exchange. Seniors Ashley Plummer and Christina Vega were each others secret **PAL.**



GIFT exchanges are a good idea for students on a budget because instead of having to buy a whole group of friends presents, you only have to worry about one. Senior Ashley Plummer opens up her gifts from Kiet Seal. She received two tops from her secret pal, senior Christina **VEGA.**



Highly Anticipated Break

Many Students feel as though winter break comes just at the right time.

Many people feel as though winter break comes at just the right time in the year: the time when people are starting to become overwhelmed by the annual problems and stresses that the school year delivers. "I can't wait until winter vacation starts," declared sophomore Priscilla Hernandez. "I start to feel stressed out when December rolls around because it is the time when all my classes stop reviewing and we actually learn new things. Plus, it is Christmas season so that adds even more stress. I usually count down the

days until winter break begins," added Hernandez. Winter break also provides a great opportunity to spend quality time with friends, family, or a significant other that has been long overdue. "I like winter break because it gives me a chance to spend more time with my older sister who is home from college during my vacation," stated freshman Ashley Vargas. The Holiday atmosphere makes a cozy environment for harvesting this type of quality time.

story by CHRISTINA Vega



GROUPS of friends often get together for nights out on the town. Senior Ashley Plummer bowls a strike at Innans during a NHS group outing that took place over the **BREAK.**

OTHER students must sacrifice nights of fun for nights of work. Junior Cagler Simmons spends much of his break serving customers at Dairy Queen. Simmons also runs Cross and **TRACK.**



ONE particularly popular New Year's Eve party was hosted by senior Christina Hyde. Hyde's party was replete with great music, food, friends, and a whole lot of fun! The party ended up becoming a sleepover after a wild and crazy night of **PARTYING.**

MANAGER Amy Becker (senior)
works hard for the team.
Coach Renee Turpa recognizes
for her effort and support
throughout the basketball
SEASON.



FORMER homecoming queen
Ashley Plummer crowns
junior Richelle Alcantara as
princess. She is known to
many as a nice **PERSON.**



THE cheerleaders and
JROTC members perform to
honor our school. They prepare
and energize the audience for
the big **GAME.**



NOMINEE

Junior Matthew Higgins is announced prince. He is known for his humorous and fun character, which attributed to his **SUCCESS.**



A Day to Remember

School Spirit Is Expressed With Much Pride

The Winter Homecoming came with many qualities. It came with teammates, fans, cheers, and school spirit. Along with these qualities came the support from our cheerleaders and the JROTC.

Throughout that day, the players had strength and determination while the audience had smiles and laughter. The junior class sponsored this event as well as the cutest baby contest, spirit awards, court, and the dance.

story by PRISCILLA Hernandez

A ceremony was held at half-time to announce the king, queen, prince, and princess who were chosen by their fellow classmates earlier during the week.

Senior Randi Leggett was crowned winter homecoming queen along with senior Eric Rivera was named king during half time of the girl's basketball game. The team ended the evening by being defeated, but the evening still produced some everlasting memories.



A group of upperclassmen helped out the cheerleaders and cheered for the team. These super fans sit back and enjoy the **GAME.**

JUST as many other students, senior Jeanette Piehl comes to socialize with her friends and support Randi Leggett for **QUEEN.**

THE girls lost the homecoming game against Michigan City, yet senior Nicole Tesseneer did not leave without a **FIGHT.**

HERE senior class president Samantha Wetman delivers a speech during the ceremony. Besides being senior class president, Wetman also was captain of the varsity cheerleading **SQUAD.**



THE Symphonic Orchestra played this year at Mid-term graduation. Also the symphonic choir sang a medley of **SONGS.**



MID-term graduates nervously wait to walk into the gymnasium. This is where the ceremony was **HELD.**





HERE senior Daniel Shattuck proudly waits to receive his diploma. Shattuck participated on the Pow Wow staff for over two **YEARS.**

AS senior Brandon Jordan walks, he has a blank expression on his face. Brandon graduated with **HONORS.**



Mid-term Graduation

Getting Out of School

Graduation, a moment that is sometimes anticipated and sometimes feared. For the "mid-termers," this moment comes in a short three and a half years. Some of these students have no idea what they would like to do after high school. Some sit at home and sleep all day while others start college right away with well-thought out plans of what they want to do with the rest of their lives. On the night of graduation, there are many emotions that go

through a student's mind. Many wonder, "Am I going to see any of these people ever again?" and "What am I going to do now?"

"I have no idea where my future is going to take me", stated senior Carla Gilbertson.

These questions haunt seniors for the duration of their final year causing some to have doubts about wanting to graduate mid-term.

story by ELIZABETH Richards



FRIENDS and family show their support and attend mid-term graduation. There is no limit on how many guests that mid-term graduates can **BRING.**

PARTICIPANTS were required to attend rehearsals in order to learn the fitness routine. Here, seniors Michael Jurgenson and Bryan Scheub

REHEARSALS were instructed by senior Tanja Gazibara. Gazibara choreographed OYM, Junior Miss, and the spring **MUSICAL.**

PRACTICE.



Outstanding Young Man

Scholarships for Outstanding Young Men

Many people are aware of the statewide scholarship competition of Junior Miss. After many years of the boys feeling left out, Mr. Joseph Stevens took matters into his own hands and created a competition specifically for Portage High School males, appropriately titled Outstanding Young Man. The eleventh anniversary of the program, held on February 9, 2002, offered twenty-eight young men an opportunity to earn scholarships and recognition.

The program consisted of many diverse young men, ranging from athletes to thespians. However, all twenty-eight participants had three things in common: They were members of the senior class, had a minimum of a C average, and in one way or another were active leaders in their school and/or community. Each participant was awarded \$100 solely for their participation, a membership to the local YMCA, and the opportunity to

win additional scholarships. On the other hand, money isn't the only factor in the decision to participate. Founder and coordinator Mr. Joseph Stevens explains, "The program brings to light the characteristics and attributes of today's outstanding young men. The young man singled out by the judges is a representative chosen from a group of winners, not a winner selected from a group of representatives." Bradley Stevenson, senior, had a slightly different motive for participating: "My girlfriend made me," he jokingly said of senior Tanja Gazibara.

The 2002 title of Outstanding Young Man of the Year was awarded to senior Adam Ritter, with runner up honors going respectively to seniors Curtis Ksenak, Bradley Stevenson, Christopher Erickson, and Bryan Scheub. Other awards included Academic Excellence, Physical and Casual Segments, Presentation and Address, and the Good Guy Awards.



COMPLETE concentration is important to senior Steven Helpingstine. The boys had only three rehearsals to get the dance routine **DOWN.**

ALL of the hard work and time spent finally paid off when the boys performed their dance. The routine was a success with the **CROWD.**



PARTICIPANTS were not the only ones struggling with nerves before the show. Presenters, senior girls, also had to prepare for their stage **DEBUTS.**

PRESENTATION and address counted for twenty percent of each score. Here, senior Jeffreg Jones takes his turn at the **MICROPHONE.**



Impressions

The Return of Airband

Students are always talking and pretending that they are someone else. After the movie *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* came out, many people would quote the famous line "all righty then" in their attempts to sound like actor Jim Carey. Well, this year the students had the chance to show off their great impressions at the returning Airband show.

One performer that students look forward to seeing every year is junior Mark Kitchen. Although this was the return of Airband, Kitchen has performed in the annual Variety

Show, and the musical *Grease* during place his freshman year.

"Airband is a channel of communication for people like me, who are not good with words but can express inner feeling through fine arts" said Kitchen.

Some students took another approach to Airband, not to express their inner feelings, but to just have a good time and make others laugh. One of the four juniors that took part in the performance of "Lady Marmalade," junior Jordan Chaddock said, "Bras and make-up, I don't know how girls do it everyday."

Many students enjoyed the return of the Airband performances and are already planning for next year.

story by SAMANTHA Hoopengartner



GOOD makeup is essential for a stunning performance. Junior Tessa Emmart and senior Tanja Gazibara delivered a hot number as **En VOGUE.**

EVERY year, Junior Mark Kitchen stuns the audience with his realistic impersonation of famous popstar Michael **JACKSON.**



TWIST

and *Shout* by the Beatles wasn't just a song for these four senior girls, as they made the band come to

LIFE.

EVEN

the junior boys aren't afraid to show a little femininity while performing the hit song *Lady MARMALADE*.



A guitar and a microphone are all senior Misty Cole needs to rock the stage. Misty was personally asked by Mr. Stevens to perform again at this year's

AIRBAND.

FOR seniors Danielle Gingerich and Jeff Jones, being *3-Lo* and *Da Rule* came naturally to the two, as they excited the crowd that

NIGHT.



AMAZED with the star fish
they just caught, seniors
Samantha Weinman, Heather
Nelson, and Christina Vega
hold it up for a **PHOTO.**

Always a Blast

Students Experience Some Fun In The Sun

The birds start chirping and the flowers start growing around this time of the year. When spring hits, most of the seniors already have their vacations planned out.

Many students go to Cancun, some go to Florida, and then there are the few that take trips with their families all over the world.

At the beginning of each year, the new seniors are already feeling their "seniority" and they start talking about Cancun. Those who mostly

go are the senior girls, with some of the guys also tagging along.

A major reason that the seniors go on this trip is to experience the independence and freedom that they haven't had in their lives before. Also, what senior could pass up hot weather, sandy beaches, and exciting parties throughout the day and night.

Although it may seem that the most exciting trips happen senior year, many students from other grades go out and still have a blast.



WHILE basking in the sun, Juniors Ingrid Gonover and Cortnie Lee pose for a picture. They spent most of their time in Naples, **FLORIDA.**



After the news of their flight delay, seniors Angela Sabocik, Jeanette Piehl, and Heather Nelson play a game of Phase 10. The delay to Cancun lasted four **HOURS.**

AT a Ft. Lauderdale mall, senior Candice Turner enjoys her nights and spends most of her time with her friends she met while in **FLORIDA.**

TO add some excitement to their trip, Juniors Bonnie Kuss, Julianne Repay, and Amy Engel enjoy the beautiful views of Hawaii while on a boat **RIDE.**

THE kiss that was never to happen, was faked by senior Scott Bahman, as he leaned in on senior Shannon Smolar and then quickly pulled **AWAY.**



BEAT this! Senior Tanja Gazibara and Junior Tessa Emmart play cards to pass the time while they wait for their curtain **CALL.**



"IS a puzzlement!" Scott Bahman "The King" talks to the audience about how life doesn't make sense to **HIM.**

The Musical and You!

Dedicated students bond together to create a royal performance!

If you were to go around and ask the student body if they would rather see a play or a musical, the majority would vote play. Students today are mostly into music that is "popular". They think that musicals are old fashioned and plain boring.

On the other hand, students who love musicals the most, aren't always the ones who participate in them, but after being in one, if they truly put everything into it, they begin to enjoy themselves.

"Being on stage is a complete rush. It's amazing. Preparing for just that one moment is very fun." Freshman Amanda Morales stated, when asked what the best part of being in the King and I was.

Besides being fun, participating in the King and I brought many people together.

"It's a major perk, in the fall play, as well as the spring musical," Morales stated.

William Bodnar directs and occasionally "acts" in the fall plays and spring musicals.

When asked what she thought about Bodnar, Morales said, "He's a great director and such a fun person. He gets really into what he's doing."

Are there any complaints about the King and I at all? "It takes about an hour or two out of my day, except for the last couple of weeks. Then it's a lot more," explained senior Kayla Rawdon. So is it worth it? Most everyone, including Bodnar agree, "Definitely!" If it wasn't I doubt they would go through the trouble of having one every year.

story by STEPHANIE hottorff





HOW do you do? Senior Chad Norris salutes with a smile and nod just before entering the **STAGE.**

PRIM and proper. Little miss Alison Sobkowski crosses her legs and waits patiently for her debut roll in a high school **PLAY.**



DOES this color look ok on me? Junior Angela Garza fixes her pre-dyed hair in order to look more Asian. All of the actors and actresses were required to make their hair **DARKER.**



PUCKER up! Freshman Amanda Morales applies blush to junior Ashley Davich. Making sure they both look "pretty in **PINK.**"

DECORATIONS

elegantly cascade over junior Raymond Przybysz III, and freshman Nina Mendoza as their prom fantasy comes to **LIFE.**

FOR some people prom causes break-ups, yet for others it keeps relationships lasting. While dancing to a popular love song, senior David Baker is shown going in for a kiss on his girlfriend of eight months, senior Janna



BROWN.

THE chance to feel special is given as Mr. Kevin Damerell announces student names when they walk in such as senior Kelly Fulkerson and previous 2001 graduate, Scott



WOLOZANSKI.



WITH a free tax won from a Relay for Life raffle on her boyfriend's back, junior Maria Lozano dances the night away with junior Matthew

SEBORIS.



PROM court announcements are one of the most anticipated moments of the night. Senior Samantha Weinman awaits her time to be

SASHED.

ALTHOUGH prom is a couples only dance, some students, such as senior Candice Lopez take a little time to dance

SOLO.





TO raise money for prom, the Junior Class sold stars for dates to write messages to each other. Junior Joshua Clemmons looks at the wall of stars with his prom **DATE.**



FRIENDS Like seniors Shannon Ellenson and Melissa Mateo just want to let loose and dance without their **DATES.**



NOT all guys show as much joy when announced as king like senior Joseph Guidarelli. He is lifted by a friend while senior Matthew Diamond looks **ON.**

SOME students go out of their way to perfectly match for prom. Junior Vido Ivanovic and date Vera Dasvic appeared dressed in black and **WHITE.**



LINE dances really became popular during this school year. Junior students are shown "taking it to the left" with the "Cha Cha **SLIDE.**"

The Way You Look Tonight

From Hype Causes New Ideas For The Most Popular School Dance

It is the most anticipated dance of the school year, not to mention the most time consuming and expensive. With all the hype surrounding prom, it is no wonder why the night is filled with enough enchantment to last a lifetime.

"There were so many things I had to do to get ready for prom! It was so overwhelming, but in the end it was all worth it," said senior Christina Hyde. There were many new additions to prom as well. The week before prom, decorative stars were available for pur-

chase and included a personalized message from the giver. These stars were used to jazz up the decorations and could be taken home as a prom memento. In addition, there were also neat gifts the prom committee provided, such as a wine glass for girls and a key chain for guys. The colors were pearl pink, pearl blue, and pearl white with the theme song being "The Way You Look Tonight" by Frank Sinatra. Popular post prom activities included going to Chicago, Six Flags, and camping.

story by CHRISTINA HIDE

30 girls strut their stuff for a
chance for

Miss Junior

scholarships

Even with all the glitz and glamor, the Junior Miss competition is meant to be anything but a beauty pageant. In all actuality, it is a scholarship contest where junior girls participate in activities like poise, talent, and physical fitness.

The finals kicked off with dancing to the song, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend" and was followed up by a brief introduction by all 30 contestants.

The field was quickly narrowed down to the

12 finalists.

The girls' talents ranged from dancing and performing songs to a student painting a picture on stage.

During the poise competition, the girls were asked what they missed most from their childhood.

Laura Hodges ended her year as Junior Miss by crowning Amanda Diaz the overall winner. Runner-ups were Alice Wozniak, Julietta Concepcion, Alexis Chaddock, and Lindsey Chamberlain.



the green room, juniors Victoria Velez and Melissa Fontanez pass the time between student performances. Down time can relieve tension or make the contestants more nervous.

Melanie Carpio

Photo: Stephanie Diaz

a smile on her face, junior Amanda Diaz beams with pride after being announced the overall winner of the 2002 Portage

Junior Miss PAGEANT.

Richelle Alcantara

Photo: Stephanie Diaz



the opening ceremonies,
junior Richelle Alcantara
introduces herself to the
audience. The girls want to make a
great first impression for the
crowd and

Richelle Alcantara

a little time to kill, juniors
Cory Monnier, Richelle
Alcantara, Kyle Sweeney,
Ashley Davich, Jordan
Chaddock, and Alexis
Chaddock pose for the

Richelle Alcantara



the evening comes to an
end, senior Brad Stevenson
awaits to hand flowers to the
winner. The girls have anticipated
this moment for

Richelle Alcantara



votes are in and the final
twelve contestants have been
chosen after three days of
preliminary

Richelle Alcantara

BEFORE the actual ceremony, seniors gathered in the auditorium for rehearsal. Here, senior Shareece Latreece Walker laughs with fellow **GRADS.**



Another class leaves the nest

Class of 2002 must spread their wings and learn to fly

Many students do not realize the importance of senior year until it is upon them. This year, roughly 600 students (including midterm graduates) learned that senior year is not only about the actual graduation ceremony, but is a time for planning and taking control of his or her lives.

All year seniors worked hard to maintain their grades and plan their futures. Finally the day arrived when they could relax and look back at his or her accomplishments: Friday, May 31, 2002. Senior Tina Thomason said before the ceremony, "I can't believe this is for me-my class! It's really over." Many graduates had similar feelings.

The ceremony included the traditional speech from Principal Richard Kirchner in which he highlighted outstanding accomplishments achieved by this year's class. Next was a personal address from local attorney and PHS graduate Kenneth Elwood, followed by short but sweet speeches from Nicole Keith, Valedictorian, Laura Hodges, Salutatorian, and Samantha Weinman, Senior Class President.

Commencement exercises went smoothly: The weather was beautiful and there was cooperation from students and the crowd. Aside from a daring hat-tosser, graduates and faculty could not have asked for a better ceremony.



IN April, students begin preparing for the graduation ceremony. Here, some seniors pick up their

cap and gown **ORDERS.**

GOOD weather is always a hope for the graduation ceremonies. This year rain loomed early, but the sun broke the clouds and it was again held **OUTSIDE.**





DURING the traditional speeches, graduates waited patiently for their diplomas.

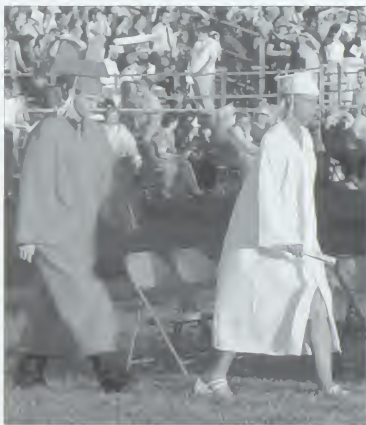
However, as senior David Wring learned, the actual inserts were not received until after

CEREMONIES.

ASSEMBLED

one last time as students, the soon-to-be graduates look over the programs to see how long the ceremony will take.

Anticipation grows **HIGH.**



IN its second year, teachers proudly take part of the new tradition. Mrs. Litke and Mrs. Stevenson smile as their own children are among the

SENIORS.

AS the students walk toward their seats, they realize that the end of an era is upon them. Futures as adults await

THEM.

New at PHS

This fall, Portage High School caught it's first glimpse of it's newest edition: A new community clinic. Construction began November 27 after a brief ground breaking ceremony. The clinic will provide health care for patients throughout the area. The building will also include a Health Academy that will serve as housing for the school's vocational health classes. Completion and the official opening of the new complex is scheduled for June 25, 2002.



photo by SHANDRA STANFIELD

Year -In- Review

Tornado Hits Route 30

On August 25, 2001 many shoppers headed to the Southlake Mall in Merrillville for what they thought would be a routine shopping trip on a regular Saturday afternoon. However, the shoppers were soon in for a surprise. A tornado with winds up to 70 m.p.h. was headed straight towards the mall. After the skies cleared and the storm died, citizens were shocked by mild to severe damages to stores such as Kohl's and Service Merchandise. Luckily, the storm cleared without injuries.



photo by Jill Young

On February 1, 2002, juniors and seniors attended a convocation in the East auditorium. The presentation was put on by motivational speaker Sam Glenn. Glenn began his speech with an amazing chalk drawing that really captured the attention of the audience. He proceeded with jokes, funny voices, and a positive message. Glenn's intent was to stress to students that they should be proud of who they are! Afterwards, many students purchased copies of Glenn's book, The Making of an



photo by REBECCA ANDERSON

Unshakable Character.

Sam I Am



photo by CANDICE turner

Career Fair Returns

On April 17, 2002 the annual Career Fair returned and gave another opportunity for students to learn about careers they may or may not have thought about for their futures. It is also a good chance for companies to recruit potential employees. Students visited the fair during first and second blocks.

Here, senior Jeremiah Davis participates in a presentation for the Fire Department. "I'm not really considering a career in fire fighting, but it was really cool to put on the suit," said Davis. The fair was, once again, a success.

Many student bands have walked the school's halls, but few have had what it takes to last. One band that has stuck together through thick and thin is the notorious "Whipl@sh." The band formed in the eighth grade and got stronger over time. Original members Daniel Shattuck, Andrew McKee, Micheal Carey and Justin Wood eventually joined together with Pete Borcz, Michael Hostetler, Frank Good, John Caplan and Daniel Ford (who replaced McKee). The band went strong for five years, accomplishing such achievements as winning the Andean Battle of the Bands and playing with Lucky Boys Confusion. Finally, on April 26, 2002, the band called it quits. Whipl@sh will be severely missed by fans, but the guys ended on good terms have many good memories.

The end of an era



photo by SHANDRA stanfield

Siminski visits state

Athletic accomplishments were many. This spring, senior Kristin Siminski proved, not for the first time, that she is one of them. Throughout her four years at PHS, Siminski has broken several records. On February 9, 2002, she placed first at state and broke two more Portage records! Siminski also made Portage proud by winning the State Mental Attitude award.



photo by REBECCA anders

Lend a Hand

Continuing to *lend* a good reputation to the high school, the student body has made all of this town proud to be considered "Indians". More important than a variety of academic challenges and *a* whole lot of artistic talent, students care about who they are. With organizations, it is easy for teenagers to involve themselves with the school: meeting new people and being who they are. Student involvement has a way of publicly acknowledging the gifts of the teenagers in this school. As far as community work, the students and faculty continue the giving and getting cycle by giving an extra *hand* whenever needed and always getting something back regardless of whether they can see it right away. Students who get involved benefit themselves and others and create a positive outlook for the future.

IN LIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 11th, 'SEE YOU AT THE

POLE' BECAME A BIT MORE IMPORTANT,

ESPECIALLY TO THOSE THAT DID NOT PLAN TO

COME. THE EERIE SILENCE BECAME AS TOUCHING

TO OUR HEARTS AS THE MANY PEOPLE HOLDING

HANDS AROUND THE FLAG FLYING AT HALF MAST

A WEEK LATER. IT WAS A PERFECT MOMENT TO

TAKE A TIME OUT FROM THE EVENTS THAT HAD

JUST HAPPENED, REFLECT AND SUPPORT THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.





"It is a great experience. it's been really fun. I'm always disappointed because we don't have enough people on the team."



"Most of our team was dedicated and tried really hard, and even if we didn't win, it was lots of fun to be with friends."

"Even though we lacked participation we made the best out of what we had."

Elizabeth Richards



Quiz Bowl team works diligently on accurately completing the Mathematics section of the competition. The team was satisfied with their work in this particular

particular

Elizabeth Richards



at a meet Mrs. Parker reads off the questions to the opposite team. Quiz Bowl is a round robin tournament that uses a buzzing

Elizabeth Richards



some take the time to study on the bus others decide to get some quick shut eye. Quiz bowl is a battle of knowledge

Elizabeth Richards



FRONT ROW: Lucas Obermeyer, Michelle Mihalik, Mrs. Linda Parker, Olivia Morales, Candice Turner.
SECOND ROW: Jerold Balta, Brian Weiland.

what do you do?

It's a national competition with local and state competition

how many? 10

sponsor?

Mrs. Linda Parker

Quiz Bowl



FRONT ROW: Kayla Crecelius, Shelley Poznic.

what do you do?

A
competition
over
general
knowledge

how many?

open

sponsor!

Mrs.
Linda
Parker

Spell Bowl

the way to the Michigan
City tournament sophomore
Jerold Balta and junior Brian
Weiland help each other study
random subjects to get ready for
the SPELL BOWL
Elizabeth Richards

students continue competitions

despite many **The**

Key losses.

story by CANDICE turner

Many times people push academics aside as an activity, whether required or extracurricular, that holds little to no importance. However, some students have taken the initiative to step out of the prevailing mentality and represent Portage in the annual Quiz Bowl competition. The battle of knowledge required no studying, just "wits". It seems comparatively easy, but initial competition proves otherwise. The students went through competitions that only concluded

with many losses every Tuesday, while also enduring meets despite possible forfeits due to an inconsistent team effort and a lack in member attendance every week. Heart is all a person can rely upon sometimes, and in the end, together that is what they decided to do. The quiz bowl team "took their lemons and made lemonade" by relying on what they had and trying their best. Never giving up is always the key, and for that they should be congratulated.



though the spell bowl team
was defeated, the members
walked with their heads held high.
Participation was a major problem
this year
Elizabeth Richards

the decathlon state competition, award winners senior Candice Turner, junior Olivia Morales and senior Michelle Mihalik pose for a photo.

Olivia Morales



a huge smile on her face, junior Olivia Morales poses for a photo. Olivia won a silver medal in the language and literature division at state competition.

Olivia Morales



FRONT ROW: David Moore, Robin Dunn, Michelle Mihalik
BACK ROW: Mrs. Sparacino, Daniel Biby, Candice Turner, Christopher Bush, Jerry Balta, Christopher Rodriguez, Mrs. Parker, Olivia Morales, Mrs. Oldenburg



Decathlon

the decathlon team pauses for a photo while eating breakfast the second morning of state. The team had to be at competition by 8 a.m. every morning.

Olivia Morales



...night after getting unpacked,
 ...senior Candice Turner kicks back
 ...and enjoys her time with her friends
 ...in the ...
 ...Olivia Morris



team members study

in ten different

Take Ten

subject areas.

story by SAMANTHA Hoopingarner

Each Decathlon team participant is given a red binder filled with information in seven subject areas that are sectioned off as language/literature, science, math, art, music, economics, and super quiz. The contestants are also tested in speech, interview, and essay. The essay is chosen from one of three prompts.

Two of the prompts involve the super quiz topic, the other involves the required reading assignment, *Cry the Beloved Country*.

After studying hard from November to January, nine students from the team are chosen to compete at the DAC, Duneland Academic Conference.

The area competition is held in January. The test day starts in the early morning, and is concluded with an awards ceremony late in the day. If the team does well enough, they are allowed to advance to the state competition. The Portage team finished ninth in the state in the large school division.

...support their students,
 ...coaches Mrs. Parker, Mrs.
 ...Oldenburg, Mrs. Sparacino and
 ...Mr. Sparacino attend the annual
 ...state ...
 ...Olivia Morris

...Olivia Morris

Olivia Morris

WHILE

he waits for the contest to begin, senior Andrew Balta reviews a series of test questions. Practice made the team perform very **STRONGLY**.



WITH

a look of anticipation on her face, junior Jessica Lazar turns in her test results. Lazar felt confident with her scholastic

PERFORMANCE

THE

members of the team discuss answers with the judges.

Different team members specialized in various

EVENTS





and shine. Coach Linda
Parker makes sure that everybody
is present and accounted for
before they make the early morning
trip to the **COMPETITION**.



senior Kayla
Cresulis converses with
Coach Olenburg. Kayla was
the art and music team

CAPTAIN

the meet, junior
Ambrosia Borowski practices
with a friend before the test

BEFORE

The speech team deals with
more than just **Hidden**
Drama academics.

story by PRISCILLA Hernandez

Speech class is among the many academic requirements needed in order to graduate from high school. Students are familiar with the class and type of work that is done. The class itself encompasses presentations over informative, formal, eulogy, impromptu, and monologue speeches. With these in mind, the student body draws a misconception of Portage's speech team and are often reluctant to join. Students relate the speech class, what some may find boring, with the team. The

academic team practices more than just the typical rubric of eye contact, volume, and information. During an actual competition, they are judged on gestures, expressions, and how strong the speech is made to be. Some speeches require the student to almost act the characters out like if he was the person himself. The club is more of a drama activity rather than an academic team. Although the team is successful with a small group, the advisors hope to get more of the student body involved to join the fun.



After many competitions, the team members often reunite in relief. Juniors Aaron O'Reilly, Elizabeth Dilts, and Constance Marvel can now RELAX.



FRONT ROW: Bethany Webb, Amanda Austin, Constance Marvel, Shreece Walker SECOND ROW: Carrie Martin-Smith, Jason Siroky, Darrell Dominic, Elizabeth Dilts, Aaron O'Reilly, Jaime Luedtke, Charity Kehoe, Amy Burke



Speech Team

team is evaluated by the
advisors in front of the group to
prepare for the competitions.
Junior Elizabeth Dilts gains
confidence by PRACTICING.

has rides to and from
competitions are always a
pleasant time for the team to
bond and release some of the
tension that is built UP.



speaking in front of judges
may sound easily accomplished,
sometimes the members could use a
break from the pressure. Juniors
Bethany Webb, Elizabeth Dilts,
and Constance Marvel are
exhausted from the WORK.



part of the speech team
fulfills an aspect of happiness
within all of the team members. The
team sticks together to accomplish
all that can be REACHED.

students frequently took advantage of school computers when not at work. Junior Nicole Ayala uses them for preparing business.

Photo
Candice Turner



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Upchurch, Nikki Rains, Heather Coombs, Jessica Vandergriff **SECOND ROW:** Angie Garza, Tina Thomason, Sara Egendoerfer, Star Bulva, Lisa Tanner, Deanna Hounshell, Angela Dailey, Angela Fozkos, Stefanie White **THIRD ROW:** Brijana Jasnic, Ashley Cunningham, Caitlin Walstra, Deana Bateman, Sophia Guardiola, Tina Sanchez, Tess Mitchell, Jaime Nolan, Stacy Monnier, Joleen Wiatrowski **BACK ROW:** Natalie Hardison, Sumbal Akhlaq, amanda Shumacher, Melissa Olsen, Trent Bolin, Ashley Siebal, Candace Swanson, Sarah Stoehr, Toni Smith, Kendall Witt

what do you do?

learn and gain experience in different health careers

when do you meet?

Every day

how many?

34

sponsors?

Mrs. Lynn Wilson/
Mrs. Audra Peterson

HOSA

hours of clinicals and working under professionals. HOSA members were ready for graduation. Officers took the stage with pride on May.

Photo
Candice Turner

up and prepared to engulf a future of success in the health occupation students take their seats with pride. Seniors, Tina Thomason and Heather Coombs lead the.

Photo
Candice Turner

times, because of the knowledge about business that BPA students contain, fellow classmates turn to them for help on other class projects. Senior Heather Dunn receives constructive criticism from senior

Daniel

Photo
Candice Turner



HOSA and BPA students

prepare for

Taking Over

story by CANDICE TURNER

Some students seem to be in school to only have fun but, many are taking advantage of their high school years by jumping into the business world. Students involve themselves in Work-study or Vocational Education programs that help all students leave high school with the skills necessary for employment in today's global economy. Some of the most important areas of today's society include business and health, which is why the Business Professionals of America

and Health Occupation Students of America programs provide perfect opportunities for students to get involved with society. Whether HOSA members were job shadowing and assisting doctors and dentists, or BPA members were organizing and running the Student Credit Union, they can all say that the community helped to prepare youths for life after high. Their futures leave nothing else than making pathways that the medical and business fields will leave behind.



- the end of the school year
- approaches, many teachers reflect
- on the unique groups of students
- they encounter every year. With an
- effort to hold back tears, Mrs.
- Wilson and Mrs. Peterson thank
- their seniors for great memories to

STAY NIGHT

Camille Turner

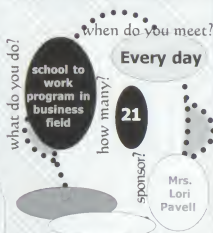
- of the Business
- Professionals of America
- organization, Mrs. Lori Pavell, finds
- great pleasure in guiding her
- students. She has helped many
- students place in competitions and
- states, "There is no better reward
- than seeing your students on stage

accepting

Camille Turner



FRONT ROW: Jennifer Hickman, Thomas Hancock, Rachel Lake, Deborah Roberts, Dyana Silva, Morgan Stout
BACK ROW: Ms. Lori Pavell, Cristin Zaragoza, Nina Krass, Nicole Ayala, Tristan Lajcin, Stephen Rodrick Jr., Daniel Trepanier, Eric Smith



- add a little fun to
- HOSA's closing ceremony,
- Mrs. Wilson gives a hug to junior,
- Trent Bolin, leaving him walking
- away with a smile. Bolin was the
- only young man from Portage
- who participated in

Camille Turner



what do you do?

when do you meet?

Every day

Excell in foreign language

how many?

65

sponsor?

Mr. Mark Karmel

Foreign Language Honor Society



the banquet junior Kristina
Childress gets her candle lit by
spanish teacher Mrs. Huerta.
Mrs. Huerta is only one of the
foreign language teachers that
inducts the STUDENTS

one who knows two

languages is **Know**
worth two people.

Both

story by SAMANTHA hoopgarner

On April 25th, 2002 the foreign language department held the foreign language honor society banquet. At the FLHS banquet, all of the honorees were given a candle that would be held and then lit at the end of the ceremony symbolizing his or her induction. The students were called up by his or her foreign language teacher and was presented with a medal that symbolized the language they were taking. During the

banquet, the students were at one time required to repeat the motto "One who knows two languages is worth two people" in the language that they were being honored for learning. Once the ceremony was over, the students were asked to join together to take a photo. After the group photo was shot, students and parents were invited to eat cookies and drink punch in the commons with all who attended that special evening.

THE future inductees of the
FLHS sit and await their name
to be announced by their foreign
language instructors. Once called
upon they will have their
candles lit and become official
members of the FLHS.



"During the induction banquet, Tu Nguyen's little sister accidentally set a centerpiece on fire"

"Project Angel Tree because my mother and I went shopping and bought a lot of gifts [for a needy child]."



"My most memorable moment was when we went bowling at Inman's."



-Valerie Swadlow

The NMS induction banquet, to some students and adults, was one of the best Portage has seen. Members all worked together to help put up a wall of stars showcasing new and old **INDUCTEES**.

Valerie Swadlow

ANY organization would be lucky to have a juggler like senior Thomas Misch as one of their members. When visiting homeless shelters Thomas would often perform various juggling acts for the **RESIDENTS**.

Valerie Swadlow





what do you do?

Hosted winter homecoming philanthropic projects, member outings, and more.

When do you meet?
Every other Wednesday

61

how many?

who is in charge?

Nicole Keith

sponsor?

Mrs. Carrie Brown

National Honor Society

FRONT ROW: Valerie Smeltzer, Christina Vega, Nicole Keith, Ashley Plummer, Julie Green **SECOND ROW:** Rebecca Upchurch, Carrie Barnum, Samantha Weinman, Amanda Diaz, Jennifer Belleville, Shelby Luna, Candice Turner, Christina Hyde, Tanja Gazibara, Kristin Siminiski, Lisa Owen, Jill Young, Michelle Green **THIRD ROW:** Laura Hodges, Bradley Stevenson, Michael Jurgenson, Renee Grant, Amy Engel, Patricia DeBord, Ashley Davich, Rebecca Anders, Alexis Chaddock, Richelle Alcantara, Sarah Canner, Allison Mayfield, Heather Piazza **FOURTH ROW:** Kayla Rawdon, Michelle Lute, Amanda Litke, Jeffrey Burton, Brandon Hill, Micheal Kane, Tu Nguyen, Sivianna Baccarelli, Kyle Sweeney, Thomas Mische, Stephanie Murphy, Jordan Chaddock, Jodi Greer, Mrs. Carrie Brown. **BACK ROW:** Patrick Thurbur, Andrew Warrent, Francis Dranchek, Kayla Cresillas, Jonathon Ziulkowski, Brock Shipley, Allan Nagy, Kara Gibson, Chad Fredericks, Melissa Deavers, Curtis Ksenak, Natalie Hardison, Alicia Macmillian

Children's Hospital received great support from the Honor Society. Seniors, Angela Sabock and Christina Vega announced winners for the cutest baby contest with proceeds going to the HOSPITAL.



keeping in line with the **Follow Closely** others.

by CANDICE TURNER

The National Honor Society is composed of some of the finest students at Portage High School. In order to become a member, a student's grades must be maintained at a 3.0 range, while qualities such as leadership, character, scholarship, service and honor must be upheld. In doing such, they help others the same as Student Council and together make a great name for PHS.

never forced members to help with events, but rather they volunteered. Seniors Francis Dranchak and Shelby Luna serve up brownies while visiting a homeless SHELTER.

Valerie Smeltzer

students' hard work pays off

to receive **Aces**
Night an honor
story by KIMBERLY momola

A.C.E.S. (Academic Champions Excelling in School) is a group of students that have worked hard to do their best throughout their educational careers. Many students have been working very hard for this honor and are very happy to show their appreciation.

The students are asked to write a letter to the teacher that they chose to honor. The letters are then presented to the teacher along with the covered 'glass apple award'.

This year, the ACES banquet was held on Wednesday,



WHY IS
this an honor?



"I can think of no greater honor as a teacher than to be selected as one who has influenced and impacted that student's life."

—Mrs. JENNIFER JENNIFER

"Receiving the ACES award is an honor simply because that student actually found me to be an important part of her life."

—Mrs. JENNIFER JENNIFER



"Receiving the ACES award is an affirmation from a student that I am doing something right in the classroom. I made that connection to that individual"

—Mrs. JENNIFER JENNIFER



ACES honored educators

Rebecca Anders	Lane Prescott
Brandon Borders	Myron Fessler
Sarah Canner	Janet Smith
Misty Cole	Jimmy Downes
Brandon Coran	David Masty
Daniel Detlaven II	Jeff Smenyak
Francis Dranchak	Gerri Kotyuk
Sara Egendoerfer	Audra Peterson
Tanja Gazibara	Joe Stevens
Julie Green	Vanessa George
Caitlin Groves	Darryl Schultz
Laura Hodges	Darlene Lute
Mark Javorka	Tom Wells
Michael Jurgensen	Della Hutton
Nicole Keith	Carrie Brown
Amanda Litcke	Ruth Drake
Shelbie Luna	Kathy Kotyuk
Michelle Lute	James Douglas
Sara Mak	Vel Acevez
Stacy Monnier	Lynn Wilson
Alex Mulvihill	Scott Hufford
Heather Nelson	Connie King
Lisa Owen	Yan Wolfman
Kayla Rawdon	Valerie Webdell
Kristin Siminski	Bill Schott
Mary Stinson	Cindy Schnabel
Christina Vega	Barbara Lochmondy
Paul Watson	Donna Yaksic
Jaime Woods	Robert Parker
Jill Young	Mark J. Karmel

At the end of the year, Quill and Scroll had a banquet in which they inducted new members. Junior Dylan McKee watches Junior Christopher Hopper in designing his LAYOUT.

Quill and Scroll is a honor society for journalism students. The members are top 36 percent of their class. Here senior Jonathon Thomas edit his STORY.

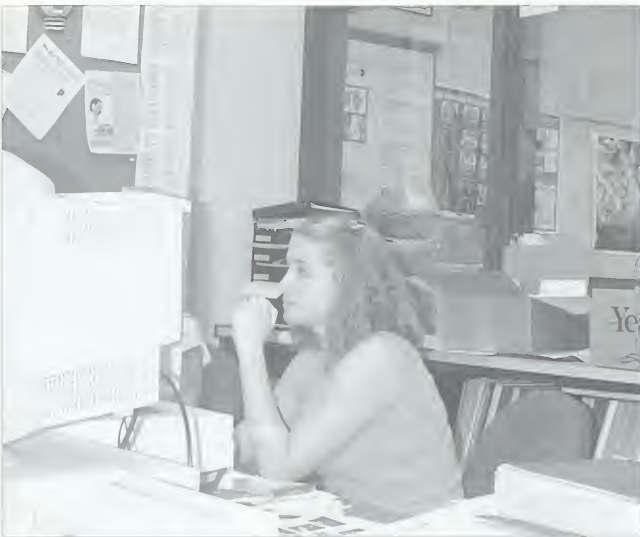


In yearbook all the members tend to become really good FRIENDS.



When do you meet?
Every day
who participates in community activities?
15
how many?
who is in charge?
Candace Turner
Karen Green
Mr. Mark Karmel
sponsors?

Quill & Scroll



HERE
 Ashley
 Plummer works on her
 LAYOUT



to be in Q & S you have
 to at least been in yearbook
 or newspaper for a whole
 year. This is Andrew Mills
 amusing HIMSELF

WHILE
 in newspaper,
 class senior Megan
 Mulhern watches senior
 Tristan Mathews type his
 STORY

With a look of astonishment upon his face senior Eric Rivera admires the trophy he was just awarded. Rivera did not expect to receive this AWARD.

With the closing of the banquet junior Jonathan Zuilkoski shakes hands with Mr. Bodnar. Bodnar is in charge of the spring musical every YEAR.



After his speech, Mr. Stevens applauds all of the thespians that attended the banquet and awards them for their excellence in both the musical and PLAY.



FRONT ROW: Michelle Mihalik, Rebecca Anders
MIDDLE ROW: Glenn Cliver, Josh Mitchell, Brenden Hill, Dennis Foster BACK ROW: Chad Fredericks, Kayla Crecelius, Ryan Scheub

what do you do?

responsible for all theatrical productions

how many?

12

who is in charge?

Chad Fredericks

Rebecca Anders

sponsor?

Mr. Stevens

Thespians



.....
 lot of hugs seem to be
 given during the ceremony. As
 Tanja Gazibara approaches the
 podium, Mr. Moody awards her
 with a trophy and a **HUG**.



.....
 ONE of the highlights for the
 students at the banquet was the
 food. Not only did they get a
 chance to 'dig in' but so did the
 teachers, did as **WE**.



.....
 WITH the lights low for the
 dinner, the thespians sit with each
 other and feast. Senior Chad
 Fredericks appreciates good
 conversation over dinner with
 fellow **THE SPIANS**.



WHILE students labor over their pages, newspaper advisor Mr. Mark J. Karmel looks over the advertising budget for the upcoming **ISSUE**.



"I hope that the school will pursue broadcast journalism to get news to the students faster."

ALAN M. MATHIEWS



"I wish the three editors could move toward a gastapo style of ruling."

JEFFREY BURTON



SONYA BRUBAKER

controversy over future editors **Hail to the chief** spawns.

story by CHRISTINA Vega

There was much hype centered around who was going to be the co-editors of the student newspaper for the 2001-2002 school year. After essays were written and interviews were conducted, the Pow Wow staff waited with anxious anticipation until the time came for newspaper advisor Mr. Mark J. Karmel to unveil the next editors.

The unmasking of the new editors was scheduled to take place at the annual Journalism Banquet, but due to the quality of applicants, was postponed to a later date. "I didn't want to make a quick rash decision. I

wanted to make an informed decision about who the editors would be. The editors are important because they are the leaders of the class," declared Karmel.

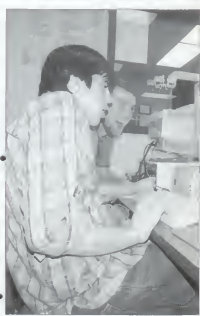
After much time and careful consideration, Karmel decided that he would not follow with the tradition of electing two students for the position of co-editors of Pow Wow. Karmel awarded the sole position of editor-in-chief to senior Bradley Stevenson. Associate co-editors were well deserved seniors Jeffrey Burton and Tristan Mathews.



MANY reporters dread when Monday arrives because this is the day when they get new assignments. Senior Sonya Brubaker ducks behind a fellow classmate to avoid being chosen for an undesirable story assignment. This was Brubaker's first year on **STAFF**.

THE cartoon section of the newspaper adds a much needed sense of humor to the paper. Seniors Eric Rivera and Andres Mills laugh as they create the comic **TOGETHER**.

CHRISTINA Vega



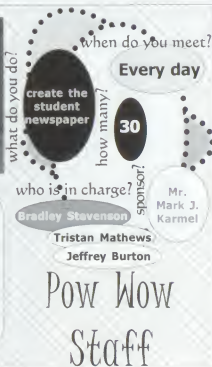


- can do many interesting tricks
- by manipulating the software
- techniques on Adobe Photoshop
- o. Senior Megan Mulherin
- laughs at senior Patrick Thurber's
- software **HUMOR**

- general student populous
- finds the artwork of junior
- Matthew Higgins to be very
- amusing. Higgins has been
- perfecting his talent for many
- years and is pictured here
- illustrating ghouls for the
- Halloween edition of the Pow
- Wow. Higgins is also known for
- his political **CARTOONS**



FRONT ROW: Tristan Mathews, Bradley Stevenson, Jeffrey Burton SECOND ROW: Sonya BruBaker, Danielle Gingerich, Jessica Arellano, Karen Green, Jill Young, Patricia Green, Michelle Carns, Mark Przekwas, Olivia Morales BACK ROW: Melissa Deavers, Laura Hodges, Ashley Plummer, Megan Mulherin, Dylan McKee, Christopher Hopper, Elizabeth Dilts, Aaron O'Reilly, Elyse Radakovich, Mr. Mark J. Karmel



- of the most pivotal elements
- of the newspaper is photography.
- A good photo tells a story in
- itself, a philosophy that senior
- photographer Michelle Carns
- lives by. Carns also was a
- reporter for the PAPER

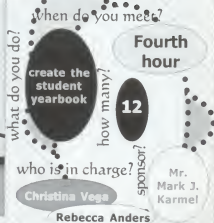
Photo: Vega



major part of creating the yearbook is thinking of design ideas. Senior Christina Vega looks through a yearbook hoping to be inspired by some elements of DESIGN.



FRONT ROW: Christina Vega, Rebecca Anders
SECOND ROW: Elizabeth Richards, Priscilla Hernandez, Shandra Stanfield
BACK ROW: Mr. Mark J. Karmel, Stephanie Bottorff, Samantha Hoopingartner, Candice Turner



Legend Staff



"I don't like having deadlines, because sometimes I don't have all of the information that I need

"Being the only guy in the room



My Most Annoying Moment



"The worst thing is the way that the people in the class sometimes don't do their work and we have to do it for them

Legend Staff

legend students

Time Taking

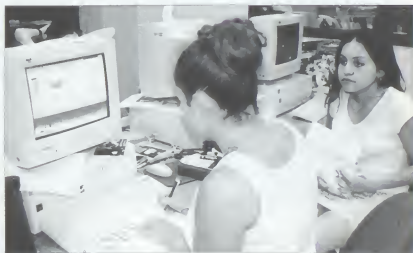
spend summers

at school.

story by SAMANTHA HOOPINGARNER

Every year students come back to school complaining that the yearbooks aren't in yet, or that the yearbooks should be handed out at the end of the school year. But what they do not realize is that there are some end of the year events that still must be covered in the book. For the

yearbook staff, this means working late nights during the year and coming in during the summer. When students are enjoying the early morning hours sleeping in, the staff is struggling to get out of bed to come in to the pub room to cross all of the T's and dot all of the I's of the Legend.



is a lot of hard work, but it is not always a struggle. Sophomore Stephanie Bottorff cracks a smile while searching on the internet for some yearbook ideas.

is a quality that is needed in an editor and is greatly appreciated by fellow students in yearbook, especially when they have a question or need help. Senior Christina Vega takes time out from doing a spread to answer a question for sophomore Priscilla Hernandez.



Alicia MacMillan, Christy Keaton, and Tara Cooper stand tall and proud in front of the display case they carefully put together. Magazine clippings were layered together to represent the theme of their new student literary **MAGAZINE**.



FRONT ROW: Alicia MacMillan, Tara Cooper, Christine Keaton **SECOND ROW:** Brian Johnson, (seated) Robbie Haner, Kasandra Rhodes **BACK ROW:** Tony Lombardi, Sharon Bearss, (standing) Jennifer Rak, William Jacob, Terry Little II, Nicholas Hurley, Lesha Lazaro, Adam Ferguson



Legend Staff



"It is an enjoyable experience for someone who like poetry."



"...I don't think I could explain the feeling of working on something and getting along with people of all sorts..."



"I believe it's a great way for the students to express their creativity."

Poetry In Motion

Poetry In Motion

story by STEPHANIE bottorff

Inspirations come to people at different times and places. Some reflections are the everyday ideas that come with pondering, but some are more deep and meaningful. Saga calls these unique ideas, "Heavy Thoughts."

"Saga is a magazine of the student body. It is a way for students to express themselves either through art work or written work," explained senior assistant editor, Alicia MacMillan, who has also submitted work of her own to Saga.

Saga offers the student body an outlet for their creative expression through poetry, short fiction, photography and drawing.

"Saga is not just a class for writers; it is for anyone who is willing to work hard, be patient and flexible, and who has a sense of humor. It is for anyone who wants to feel proud of working through to a finished product," was the response given by Mrs. Mary Lute-Brown.

There are many different aspects in putting together this literary magazine. Hard work and dedication is needed not only by the staff, but also by the authors and creators of the selections. If no one puts anything into Saga, nothing comes out of Saga, therefore it puts expectations on the student body, as well as the staff.

"Choosing selections, deciding on a layout, appearance, proofreading, and publicizing," are a few of the steps, described by senior Robbie Haner, taken to this make this book of creativity a real work of art.

Besides the known tasks that come with the class, there are also things such as relationships and differences that also need work.

"There are people in the class that you get very close to, most of the classmates interacted wonderfully, with a few exceptions people with bad attitudes that didn't want to work. Most of the students were good friends," stated senior Kasandra Rhodes.

After arguing and fussing over the title for this year, the staff picked "Heavy Thoughts." This title expresses the many different ideas and creations, whether poetry or drawings, of the student body, as well as the work and effort put into creating this magazine. The staff really put life into their creation.

- desks were not neglected
- during the term. Seniors,
- Kasandra Rhodes, Robbie
- Haner, and Adam Ferguson bite
- their nails and study diligently to
- produce and publish the class'
- final PROOF.

- Saga staff carefully proofs
- their work before publications are
- released. Junior Tony Lombardi
- and seniors Alicia MacMillan, and
- Sharon Bearss do their best to
- make this year's Saga pleasing to the
- mind, as well as the

students expose

their true

Art in Action

colors .

story by PRISCILLA hernandez

What students only about twenty did with their spare students, the small size time after school actually helped as art varied from sports, supplies were limited academics, or just and expensive. A television fun. Those candy fund-raiser was held early in the year to competition or just cover some expenses.

One of the more prominent projects the club accomplished this year was a mural of the American flag painted in the west cafeteria.

This was a task Mr. Lasky asked the Art Club to fulfill. After about two months the job was finished and the flag re-imprinted the pride in PHS.



Most students stayed after school every Wednesday until about four o'clock including senior Michelle Mihalik. A great deal of time and effort was put into the PAINTING.



FRONT ROW: Christina Webber, Lea Palmer, Tiare Parker
BACK ROW: Mrs. Paula Weise, Holly Granzon, Alicia McMillian, Michelle Mihalik



Art Club

WORKING

spring break, art club students met together to work on the painting. The approximate cost for materials used for the project was three hundred DOLLARS.

ABOUT

fifteen students worked on the mural including freshman Megan Richmond. The students were relieved when the painting WAS COMPLETED.



THE

students used acrylic paint for the making of the flag. Senior Jennifer Saxinger successfully finished her last school year by staying INVOLVED.

joined the art club because I love art and Mrs. Weise asked me to join. The flag is pretty cool. I got to sign my name on it so whenever I come back, I can see," says freshman Christina WEBBER.

...only do they work after
school, but they also eat.
Sophomore Jason Siroky
snatches a cookie after sharing
his poem with the

Samantha Floupingame

...a pondering look on her
face. English teacher Mrs. Mary
Lute-Brown discusses Writer's
Block matters with senior
Holly

Samantha Floupingame



"I like writing and I
have never really had an
outlet before. I feel com-
fortable doing it in front
of my friends.

Ashley, sophomore

"Because I like writing
stories, and I feel that
no one will judge me on
my work if I share it
publically.

Jeffrey, sophomore



"Because I like to write
and we can read aloud.
I also wanted to orga-
nize this year's Poetry
Slam.

Jessica, sophomore

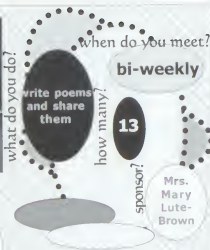
...drown out the rest of the
class, sophomore Jessica
Stanley flips through a book she
is currently reading. The students
can also share what they have
read from any

Samantha Floupingame





FRONT ROW: Lucas Obermeyer, Holly Granzow, Elyse Radakovich BACK ROW: Jessica Stanley, Nicole Wilcox, Jason Siroky, Jennifer Rak



Writer's Block



Photo by
 their eyes glued to each other, senior Jennifer Rak and sophomore Jason Siroky act out a skit from the show "Who's Line Is It Anyway." At this meeting the students got to play

Samantha Hoopingarner

Photo by
 at the lectern after sharing her poem. Sophomore Elyse Radakovich discusses her feelings about her work with the rest of the class. The students always talk about what they

Samantha Hoopingarner

students share personal

art in front

Fear

of friends.

Not

story by SAMANTHA Hoopingarner

Poems, sonnets, and stories can be shared in any standard English class. Most of the time students don't want to fully express themselves in front of a bunch of students they hardly know. After school, every other Thursday Mrs. Lute-Brown sponsors the extracurricular club Writer's Block.

ad some of their favorite pieces from other artists such as Emily Dickinson.

"I like Writer's Block a lot because I get to share things that I write, in front of people that I can trust won't laugh at me unless it is meant to be funny", says freshman Lucas Obermeyer.

In Writer's Block, students from the school can come together to share their own personal writings or sometimes they re-

Not every school can make a student feel welcome, and not every class is for every student. Here anything is possible if you apply yourself.









sitting back and relaxing in
a rare moment between selections.
Junior Matthew Hinton listens to
Mrs. Carlson's comments about
the *AMERICAN*



Mrs. Carlson's
direction, the symphonic strings
play during the opening of a
school board meeting. Various
groups are asked to perform for
special *AMERICAN*



junior Bonnie Kuss
gets ready to follow Mrs.
Carlson's instructions, she
arranges her sheet *AMERICAN*

what do you do?

When do you meet?

study the
various
styles and
methods of
classical
music

Every day

26

sponsor?

Mrs.
Carrie
Carlson

Symphonic Strings



.....
..... give the students a time to
..... dress up and play exceptionally
..... well for family and friends.
..... Senior Beth Collins
..... concentrates on her MUSIC



Students at PHS

are first to have Zeta

Simply Strings

electric instruments.

story by MICHELLE conn

Portage High School is host to many unique things. One of which is the S y m p h o n i c Orchestra. The Symphonic Strings are the only high school orchestra in the state of Indiana to have Zeta electric instruments. Currently, the S y m p h o n i c

Orchestra has four violins, two cellos, one bass, and one viola.

Symphonic strings is the most advanced orchestra at Portage. Bass player, junior Lynda Watson, said, "It's more challenging but you get more out of it than any other orchestra."

.....
..... participating in class,
..... sophomore Geoffrey Kallimani
..... concentrates on his music and
..... plays with the song and his fellow
..... classmates in MUSIC

Marching band

THE marching band members seem to know how to do two things at once. Junior Dawn Hood proves this to be true while she plays the flute and walks in a synchronized order while performing at the high school football GAME.

BAND members are sometimes given a break from marching. Tenor saxophone player sophomore Shelley Poznic proudly stands and plays the Star Spangled BANNER.



THE marching band members quickly position themselves in a fashionable order on the football field before they perform. Senior Brian Bowles gets ready to play a CADENCE.





The marching band does not
 only perform at football games.
 At the fall homecoming parade,
 senior Jaime Nolan plays the
 flute and marches down Central
 Avenue with **GRACE**.

In a perfect stance,
 sophomore Amanda Wathern
 stares at the crowd while she plays
 the flute with confidence and to
 the best of her **ABILITY**.



major junior Thomas
 Misch plays a very important role
 in setting the tempo, and keeping
 the marching band members in
 step. Misch has participated in
 band since middle **SCHOOL**.

CLASS
time can be a great form of
practice for the students. Senior
Kylene Parobek and junior
Suzanna Harman participate in
class and play the FLUTE.

Different genres of music
enjoyable **Worth**
Seeing for everyone.

The Winter Band Concert was on January 31, 2002. There were many different musical instruments floating through the auditorium and hallways. While some students had solos, others were practicing and waiting for their turn on the stage. All of the Concert Band students proved to be working hard, when at the concert they played their best. Going to a Concert Bands' concert shows all of the effort that goes into putting a show together.

One freshman student Jessica Boer said, "I think Concert Band is fun because I love to play music. It's more fun for me to go into a classroom for ninety minutes and play my clarinet rather than doing homework and studying in a regular class."

The band students had their chance to shine that evening and after all the long hard hours of practice the concert was proven to be one well-worth seeing.

OFTEN
times in class the students
get to practice and play their
music. Other times Mr. Symer
takes the time out to help them
learn their MUSIC.





things can happen anywhere.
 especially in band class. Junior
 Elizabeth Creech was asked to
 play the piano for a special music
 piece at the end of the YEAR.



trumpet section of concert
 band practices a music selection
 during class. The students
 practice together until they get
 every note PERFECT.



members, juniors' Thomas
 Potts, Anthony Ortiz, and senior
 Caleb Santos follow their music
 and play their trombones in sync.
 They not only follow the music
 but the instructor as WELL.





PERFECT
 timing to work
 together as a unit takes hours of
 dedication and practice. The Jazz
 Band could probably be the most
 dedicated of BANDS.
 Chris C.



Change and all that Change Change jazz

story by Rebecca Anders

When asked to summarize the season, Mr. Symer had this to say: "The PHS Jazz program tried a few new areas of focus this year. For instance, the band

participated in a new performance series for the 2001-2002 school year, with a major local performance at the Valparaíso University Jazz Fest. Outstanding soloists with the band included Eric Michaels on Alto Sax, Noah Richie on guitar, and Mike Thurber on bass." I went to a couple concerts and you know what? These kids are some of the coolest, most talented people you will ever meet.



What was most challenging?

"Learning to play with others and taking direction."

"Staying concentrated because it's so early and you just want to go to sleep."

Eric Michaels, 17



"I'd really have to say getting up in the morning or being able to concentrate when you're that tired."

Mike Thurber, 17



IN costume, junior Tom Potts follows along with the music. Trombones take skill and dedication to learn.

PROPERLY

Chris C.



what do you do?

make music

when do you meet?

mornings

how many?

9

sponsor?

Mr. Symer

Jazz I&II

Conversation with
ERIC MICHAELS, 10 and
ANDREW SABO, 11

Interviewer: What is the most challenging part of being in Jazz Band?

Eric: Getting up in the morning.

I: What is the most rewarding?

E: Tutin' out a really good solo.

Andrew: Tutin'?

E: ...put bustin' out or something...

A: Dude, just let it flow man. No one's going to make fun of

you...except me...

I: How long have you played the sax?

E: I have been playing since I was a little kid...about sixth grade. I sing and play piano and guitar (too).



WITH
an acute ear, Mr. Robert Symer listens to one of his students. The Jazz Band warms up before the evening's **SHOW**.
Photo by
Shelle Conn



ASKED
to stand up for a solo, sophomore Eric Michaels plays with pride during the jazz concert. Practices made for great **PERFORMANCES**.
Photo by
Shelle Conn

WITH
a careful ear, senior Lisa Owen helps her fellow bandmate tune her **SAXOPHONE**.
Photo by
Shelle Conn

order to make an excellent choir, students such as sophomore Michael McCorkle pay close attention to the teacher

while

Candace Turner



a few minutes to spare concert choir members, along with middle school students, await their time to sing in harmony

Candace Turner

an effort to achieve excellent voices, freshman Audrey Kaulman, and sophomore April Ortiz learn to sing from their

Candace Turner



FRONT ROW: Sheena Risner, Nicole Rader, Tasha Schaefer, Ashley Mazur, Elizabeth Vale **SECOND ROW:** Ashley Tamietto, Nikki Huttel, Kaylyn Bornheim, Dennis Foster, Amanda Jarosak, Jessica Medina, Jennie Waite **THIRD ROW:** Paige Smith, Holly Sansione, Kayla Cochran, Stephanie Stasi, Lisa Casper, Katie Wirth, Brianne Young, Rich Colvin, Pat Matney, Bryan Elkins **FOURTH ROW:** Amanda Wadkins, Kellisee Sparks, Brittany Dudek, Christine Lozano, Ashley Barajas, Natalie Finnegan, Adam Krol, Michael Jordan, Michael McCorkle, Steven Johnson, Melodie Series **FIFTH ROW:** Jami Maissoneuve, Elizabeth Simkin, Heather Hylemon, Carrie Martinez, Marissa Wright, Holly Benz, Nick Sturges, Matt Kerns, Kim McClellan, Amber Gentry, Audrey Kalman, April Ortiz **BACK ROW:** Skyanne Ensign, Mandie Rivera, Margie Killmer, Jessica Guffey, Stacy Clarich, Vicky Pryle, Becca Holt, Jeanna Stolarz, Shannon Stutler

what do you do?

learn the fundamentals of choir

how many?

Every day

61

sponsor?

Mrs. Jill Jones

Concert Choir





"My future plans are to be a singer and if I can't succeed, I want to be a middle or high school choir teacher."

—JESSICA MEDINA

"I would love to sing on stage like Broadway someday and I felt this would help me."

—AMANDA JAROSAK



"My goal is to actually become an actress in a Broadway musical."

—SARAH J. TURNER



concentration is put forth by Mrs. Jill Jones and her students when rehearsing for concerts, as she plays the piano.

—CANDICE TURNER



Students have to establish their

voices, despite

At the Start

story by CANDICE TURNER

Beginners are almost always considered the ones that do not know what they are doing and have to be shown everything. The concert choir class, consisting mostly of freshmen, is the epitome of experienced beginners. Concert choir is an intermediate choir that does not require an audition.

Most of the members have started singing since elementary school, which is why describing them as

beginners would be unacceptable. Their goal is simply to maintain performance to their highest abilities. Students have made choir a part of their lives and they showed it to all who dared to hear by performing in ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association), Fall Concert, Holiday Concert, and Pre-Contest Concert. Next year, they will move on to Girls Glee or Symphonic Choir, but until then, singing remains number one.

results pay off when choir concert members are awarded the opportunity to sing in front of family and friends.

—CANDICE TURNER

get ready for concerts, students such as sophomores Jessica Medina and Amanda Jarosak have to memorize all of their songs.

—CANDICE TURNER





FRONT ROW: Angela Garza, Jaquelyn Kennedy, Jocelyn Crisp, Lerelei Shannon, Amanda Kelley.
SECOND ROW: Ashley Oliver, Julie Rogers, Sarah Amutis, Teresa Brunker, Amanda Morales, Brandy Hart, Carly Shaffer, Jenny Ceruantes, Amanda Hancock.
THIRD ROW: Melanie Benz, Shirley Hollifield, Susan Doane, Kristina Childress, Jessica Holliday, Annie Hogg, Olivia Grashel, Sarah Brown, Heather Radtke, Beth Durkin.

what do you do?

Sing songs and come up with routines for concerts.

how many?

24

sponsor?

Mrs. Jones

when do you meet?

Every day

Girls Glee



pretty Junior Heather Radtke and freshman Teresa Brunker take a break from their worksheets. Senior Amanda Little helps Senior Ashley Oliver with **ALP**.

Elizabeth Richards

warm up your vocal chords before trying to sing loud. Brandy Hart shows how it's done as she prepares for her choir.

ALP
Elizabeth Richards





and tone are key in all forms of choir. Amanda Kelly warms up her voice and sets an example for the rest of the

Elizabeth Richards



do I do this again? Jaquelyn Kennedy helplessly tries to figure out the dance

Elizabeth Richards

Glee! Girls Gather In Groups

story by STEPHANIE bottoff

Some people picked for their abilities and talents. They have it in their heads that choir should not be a credit receiving class. The truth is that choir students work just as hard as they would in any other class. Just because there is talent involved, does not make it simple.

These girls get along like sisters. Just like sisters they have their fights, but just like sisters they

forgive and forget, and they all agree, do not knock it until you try it

girl's Glee is not only choir, but a group of girls specially



"...that no matter what choir you're in, it's for the geeky people... but it's not." If you love to sing and you have the voice, just do it!"

"People always think that choir is a blow off class, but it's not at all"



Flora Crawford



"That you're a choir nerd, or you have a big head, but it's a lot of fun and you meet new people that you usually wouldn't"

Andrew Easton





Do, re, mi, fa

so, la, ti

On Broadway do.

story by JESSICA Berlin

performing in the commons
senior Lon Alicea and junior Chris
Boucek do their thing

Lon Alicea

The Portage High School choraliars are more than just some dancing choir group of the school. They work with Mrs. Jones everyday after school to work on the new songs and the choreography for their next show. Their Christmas concert this year (one of the biggest choir concerts) definitely showed that their hard work paid off, even though a member of the group tripped over his Frosty costume in the middle of a song, and his feet flipped over

his head! The choraliars also had a great year of growing together and of all their friendships growing. Especially with the groups new nicknames, like: Mama Jones, Li-Li, princess bacon, Crissy-fer, Sara Lee, Papa Jake, and Shanermen! When Lori Alicea reflected on the year and her feelings about choraliars after graduation, she said, "I will miss being with my closest friends that I've known for a long time." We will miss the seniors leaving too, but the choraliars will still rock without them!



Photo: [unclear]



What will you
remember
most?

"That dancing in those heels
is
very uncomfortable!"



"It is very stressful, but in the end it was all worth it!"



"I will miss hanging out with some of the best friends that I've had. Really, I will miss everything."

Lon Alicea

Chris Boucek



each performance the
choraliers "kiss". A kiss is where they
kiss the back of thier hands and touch
them

the Christmas concert, six
songs were performed and it lasted
an hour and an half all together. It
was the most antipated concert for
the



FRONT ROW: Victoria Velez, Olivia Grachel, Sara Fazekas, Shannon Stutler, Carolyn Healy.

SECOND ROW: Lori Alicea, Patrick Rzepka, Ashley Oliver, Daniel Castro, Kayal Rowden, Anna Crowley, Chris Boyer, Nicole O'Conner, Jacob Shear.

when do you meet?
Every day

how many?
20

what do you do?
Sing and dance. Learn routines.

what do you do?
20

what do you do?
20

Choraliers

homecoming week, the
choraliers made special shirts so
they could match and



spanish club helped to
plan a party in celebration of
Cinco de Mayo. The festival
was held on May 8, 2002 in the

West Bell Ballroom

Shandra Stanfield



Students learn about other countries **Cultural** **Fun** without leaving P.H.S.

story by SHANDRA stanfield

Many who take a foreign language course are familiar with the horrors of oral speaking, written assignments, and, as the french students will tell you, Madame McPherson's infamous competencies. However, foreign language has taken a new spin because the students and joined together to rekindle the flames that have seemed to burn out over the past few years. Foreign Language Clubs are back! This year's clubs include German, Spanish and French. The groups meet regularly to study the culture and language of various countries. The meetings are not only fun, but they break the time limitations that teachers are forced to struggle with during school hours.

students contributed
traditional spanish foods to
the Cinco de Mayo festival.
This included tamales, rice
and Mole.

Shandra Stanfield





Why is your club so great?

"Spanish food is the best! I love it when we do things that include food!"

"French Club is cool because french culture is very diverse, so we have a lot to learn about and things to try."

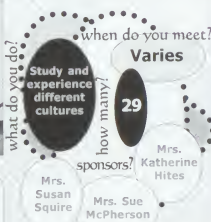


"We do a lot of different stuff in the German Club. We never do the same thing twice. It's really a lot of fun."

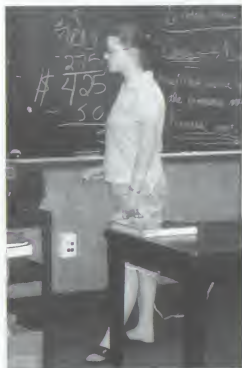
students laugh during a French Club meeting, also known as "Le Cercle de Francais." Meetings are mostly a time for planning fun



FRONT ROW(german club): Lucas Obermeyer, Lynda Stinson, Jessica Hatfield, Alan Fengya, Jonathan Ziulkowski **SECOND ROW**(spanish club): Christopher Rodriguez, Crystal Delgado, Joshua Whalen, Stephanie Davis, Jennifer Cervantes, Rosa Munguia, Nicole Camarillo **BACK ROW**(french club): Megan Martin, Amanda Wathern, Jeannette Olejniczek, Allison Sanetznik, Kristin Geros, Diana Trepanier, Ashley Biggs, Ambrosia Borowski, Jerald Balta



Foreign Language Clubs



Mr. and Mrs. Rodea set up the stage for a Cinco de Mayo presentation. The teachers performed songs of spanish origin or the

of the activities that the French Club planned was a trip to a French restaurant. Here, sophomore Jeannette Olejniczek does some quick math to figure the budget for the

West Side High School Step Team visited during the end of February, a time celebrated as Black History Month. The steppers introduced each step dance with a prologue that described its history.

Christina Vega



meetings included discussions regarding what service projects the club could do. Everyone added ideas that would increase cultural awareness within the school.

Christina Vega



Multicultural Club explores new cultures and Adding Flavor

story by CHRISTINA VEGA

Once upon a time, someone scrupulously analyzed the racial makeup of PHS and realized that the student body was predominantly composed of Caucasian students. A group of students then formed in effort to increase cultural awareness within the already existing student body. This

is the mission of the Multicultural Club. The club plans activities that broaden the students culturally. "We sold fortune cookies during lunch, brought the West Side steppers in for Black History Month, and celebrated Cinco de Mayo," stated senior president Stephanie Davis. The year ended with a fun-filled farewell party.



bulletin board offers a chance for the Multicultural Club to display current cultural topics and events. Here, senior Stephanie Davis takes down the bulletin in order to make way for a new

Christina Vega



Caucasian students participate in the club, a statistic that leaves the Multicultural Club members

Christina Vega



"People act like it's only for people of every culture besides Caucasian, and it's not."

"People think that the club is for minorities only. They don't seem to be interested in exploring their heritage."

APC THWILE Interview 11



"Caucasians tell me 'I don't have any culture.' I think they are less in touch with where they come from than we are."

APC THWILE Interview 11

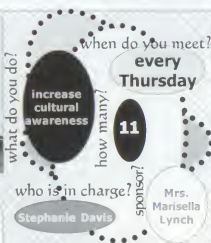


idea of participating in Christmas In April is mentioned by a senior member Candice Turner. All other members voice their views on whether or not they consider it a holiday.

unique and fun activity was planned towards the end of West Side's routine. The team stepped to the recent dance hit Take It to the House while encouraging students to sing along to the upbeat LYFE 5.



FRONT ROW: Rosa Munguia-Arias, Nicole Camarillo, Rachel Lake SECOND ROW: Yashjeet Multani, Sarah Santana, Tegan Ortiz, Anel Chavez BACK ROW: Jenny Cervantes, Stephanie Davis, Mrs. Marissella Lynch, Amy Ryan, Candice Turner



Multicultural Club

Students play
reverse roles on

Role Reversal

their peer tutors.
Story by DANIELLE Marquez

Making a difference in someone's life is incredible. That is what most peer tutors feel about their jobs with the students. Peer tutors feel that if they want to make a change in the world, why not do it by helping someone else. With that thought in mind, the students are not the only ones whose lives are affected. The peer tutors learn many lessons from the students as well.

Most peer tutors

take on the responsibility of being a peer tutor to simply help out the students. However, it turns out that the students are playing a little role reversal.

The LRE students have a way of making their peer tutors see everyday problems as no problem at all. The students have a majestic enthusiasm for life and they help their peer tutors see that not everything is as bad as it seems.



picture captured quite a moment.
Here junior Wayne Privette, who once
needed a peer tutor of his own, helps
sophomore Michael McCorkle with

his **homework**.

Linell Marquez

Sheena Hale helps senior
Steve Stathakis with his homework.

Some days the peer tutors had
to help the students overcome
their **frustration**.

Danielle Marquez





Photo by Danielle Marquez

peer tutors enjoy the fun that they have together when they help the kids. There is more to peer tutoring than work, they have a lot of exciting and fun **MOMENTS**

Danielle Marquez



"When you help them, (I enjoy) the feeling you get back. Knowing that I helped them."



"It's entertaining and joyful to know that you can help others."



"Working with the kids and making a difference."

JASON MARQUEZ '15

HALEY MARQUEZ '15



work, work. That is what junior Chris Luedtke does with the assistance of senior Sara Lindsay. Amidst all the fun, the kids do have to take care of their **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Danielle Marquez

the LRE students need to have good computer skills. Here freshman Hasti Yaghmai types an assignment with the help of sophomore Tara **WORK**

Danielle Marquez

annual JROTC Ball is a highly anticipated event for all of its members. The ball provides a well-deserved night of enjoyment and festivities to all who attend. Sergeant Major Mr. John Johnston is pictured handing out a door prize to junior Ashley Hart at the Ball.



JROTC is required to practice in their uniforms, even in the high temperature heat. The drill team practices their moves in the PHS parking lot.

Chelle Conn

the JROTC fundraises in order to raise money for their uniforms and other events in which they participate. The annual JROTC carwash is held at the Willowcreek Middle School parking lot.

Chelle Conn





inspection is a common experience in the military. JROTC members get used to standing at attention in front of superior officers.



what do you do?

service projects and drill meets

when do you meet?

Every day

how many?

107

who is in charge?

Ken Altizer

John Johnston

JROTC

Amber Andrews, Ryan Ayres, Robin Bailey, Alexis Bendi, Jack Beverly, Steven Biastock, Jacoby Brewer, Jashan Brewer, Thomas Bolter, Chanel Borman, Heather Box, Kenneth Boykin II, Erica Brown, Michael Brunnerman, Brandon Buchmeier, Jeffery Bury, Carl Cabanas, Dan Castaneda, Joshua Castleman, Elizabeth Chapman, Kevin Conway, Adam Cook, Theodore Crisp, Daniel Diaz, Elizabeth Durkin, John Elting, Sara Evans, Stephen Evola, Adam Ferguson, Kale Fluck, Dustin Foster, Kati Foyneck, Louis Gallegos, Timothy Gizaaway, Adam Gilbert, Jason Goble, Gregory Graczyk, Sheron Haley, Christopher Hall, Christina Hancock, Ashley Hart, Rodney Hatchett, Crystal Hegner, Robert Hollis, James Hockaby, La Poncha Juby, Dan Izzi, Ryan Jacobs, Crystal Johnson, Steven Johnson, Amanda Kapalko, Robert Kendall, Victoria Keyser, Brandon King, Stephen Kometz, Jonathan Koutis, Steven Kravick, Tabitha Lewis, Kevin Lindner, Justin Livingston, Michael Lueven, Jessica Ludwig, Ryan Maffitt, Ken Marston, Eric May, Kristopher Measovich, Sean Meehan, Joni Miler, Nicole Mitchell, David Moore, Richard Morris, Krystal Mueller, Ryan Mueller, Daniel Nowaczynski, Lucat Obermeyer, Thomas Olinann, Diane Otto, Michelle Parker, Alicia Peck, Jennifer Perkins, Eric Peterson, Dean Porterier, Jarrett Ragon, Kristal Ragon, Charles Rambo, Teddy Ray, Joshua Ray, Warren Riley, Linda Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Nicole Rodriguez, Yesenia Rodriguez, Ben Rosenberger, Selena Santiago, Wendy Sarkkinen, Lisa Sharp, Shema Stacy, Brian Sholar, Christopher Sholar, Richard Shuback, Michael Smith, Amber Stanley, Kelly Staines, Melany Soto, Jennifer Tauden, Douglas Tallant, Sara Timberman, Glen Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Caitlin Tibbels, Jessica Valle, Dale VanHil, Mary Vickery, Joette Villagay, Jamie Vincent, Antoinette Vulpetta, Ben Webbali, Jai White, Bryan Wilson, Nicole Wise, David Wright, Melinda Wright, Amanda Yeo

are a staple of life in the military and JROTC life.

Students are required to wear some form of military dress once

a

student council enjoys a half hour lunch with pizza, chips and a soda at Kouts High School during the District one CONFERENCE.

Chris Micali

Even leadership students need to outwardly goof off once in a while. This group shows their excitement during a small break period after LUNCH.

Chris Micali



ADVISORS: Mr. Ron Hancock, Mrs. Barb Lochmondy
OFFICERS: Jeff Jones, Mike Jurgensen, Beth Collins, Christina Vega

CLASS OF 2002: Sam Weinman, Jamie Snow, Tristan Matthews
CLASS OF 2003: Trish Debord, Richelle Alcantara, Kevin Wall, Liz Cooper, Carrie Barnum, Rebecca Bradford, Alexis Chaddock, Ashley Davich, Kyle Sweeney, Tabitha Tachik
CLASS OF 2004: Tabitha Schuster, Lisa Niloff, Brittany Childers

what do you do?

school and community volunteer activities.

how many?

Fridays after school

70

who is in charge?

Jeff Jones

Mike Jurgensen

Mr Hancock & Mrs. Lochmondy

Student Council



AFTER the leadership conference
 at Knuts High School, the
 student council brought back
 several new ideas. The paper
 towel rolls are now apart of every
 Portage pep RALLY
 Olivia Morales



AFTER lunch and listening to
 guest speaker, Sam Glen, a
 dance was held for all the
 students. Junior Richelle
 Alcantara and sophomore Eric
 Michaels make a new friend from
 Chesterton that DAY
 Olivia Morales

THE leadership students arrive
 at Knuts High School at eight
 o'clock in the morning and take a
 short break before the fun filled
 convention BEGINS
 Olivia Morales

heads are better than one when it comes to decorating for prom. Liz Cooper, Deanna Perez and Jade Lopez, stop for a coffee



are harder to come up with than one may think. Trish De Bord thinks hard about what she thinks would be best fitting for prom.

Stephanie Bostrom



me your best shot! Carrie Barnum gets ready to hit a point scoring ball against her

COMPONENT



"I love being able to set up the first cardboard boat regatta in this school because it was awesome."

STORALE 10/10/10

"Picking out the song for prom, because it's at the beginning when everyone walks in and it sets the mood for the entire night."



"Decorating for prom, because when we got done, it was like WOW I helped make this possible."

10/10/10



concentrate breathe
deeply, and be prepared to kick
some butt. Richelle Alcantara
tells herself she's bound to win if
she really believes she

Enough's Enough

Enough's Enough

story by STEPHANIE botteroff

Prom is the one night of the year that most everyone anticipates. When you walk into the room, date on arm, and you see how extremely well decorated it is, what are you thinking? "Oh my God, my date looks so hot tonight!" "Is there lipstick on my teeth?" or maybe "How much time and effort was put into this?" The last question is the most important, because without the Junior Class Club, prom would be more of a fairy tale than one may think. "It was a lot of work and

money, but it was worth it." Stated Trish De Bord.

Besides prom, the junior class club also sponsored the Valentine's Day auction, candy sales at lunch, and the boat regatta. "We decorated the hallway and made a float for homecoming," Said Richelle Alcantara.

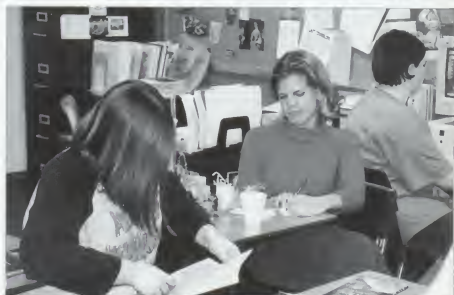
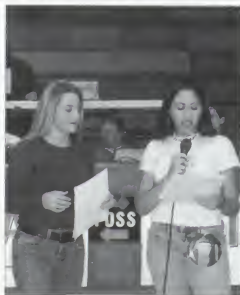
The junior class club gets enough done in the little time in the school year they can squeeze in. It makes one wonder how much they could accomplish individually. They deserve a big applause.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Alexis Chaddock, Jade Lopez, Richelle Alcantara, Ashley Davich, Liz Cooper, Trish De Bord and Carrie Barnum.

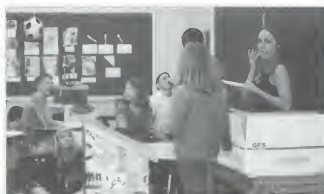
what do you do?
Decorate for
prom, boat
regatta,
float for
homecoming
how many?
when do you meet?
**Every
monday**
22
who is in charge?
Richelle
Alcantara
Trish De Bord and
Elizabeth Cooper
Miss
Castle
sponsor?

Junior Class
Club









Films Studied

Local Hero:

Genre: comedy

Director: Bill Forsyth

Year: 1983

Starring: Burt Lancaster
and Peter Riegert

Runtime: 111 min.

Office Space:

Genre: comedy

Director: Mike Judge

Year: 1999

Starring: Ron Livingston
and Jennifer Aniston

Runtime: 89 min.

Enter the Dragon:

Genre: crime/action

Director: Robert Clouse

Year: 1973

Starring: Bruce Lee and
John Saxon

Runtime: 98 min.

L.A. Story:

Genre: comedy/romance

Director: Mick Jack

Year: 1991

Starring: Steve Martin
and Victoria Tennant

Runtime: 95 min.

Angela's Ashes:

Genre: drama

Director: Alan Parker

Year: 1999

Starring: Emily Watson
and Robert Carlyle

Runtime: 145 min.

Unbreakable:

Genre: thriller/drama

Director: M. Night

Shyamalan

Year: 2000

Starring: Bruce Willis

Runtime: 106 min.

The Usual Suspects:

Genre: crime/thriller

Director: Bryan Singer

Year: 1995

Starring: Gabriel Byrne
and Kevin Spacey

Runtime: 106 min

The Suicide Kings:

Genre: comedy/drama

Director: Peter O'Fallon

Year: 1997

Starring: Mark Watson
and Christopher Walken

Runtime: 106 min.



Film Study Club took many film related trips. Here, senior members Chad Norris and Harold Morgan Jr. took a moment to pose before a *Star Wars* concert.

Film lovers of today become film makers

of tomorrow in Film **Getting Started** Study Club.

story by KAREN green



How did
Film Study
Club help
you?

"[It] helped me gain taste in . . . movies and helped me realize the potential I had to do what I wanted

—Mr. James Downes

Film makers and directors alike all had to start somewhere. Perhaps Spielberg and Ebert began their film related careers in a school environment like Film Study Club.

Every week, members met to watch and critique films. These self-proclaimed "film nerds" studied filming techniques, directoral approach to film and, most of all, shared their love for movies.

More than anything, it is a place for film lovers to meet and share their passion for making, discussing, and watching films.



FRONT ROW: Justin MacMillan, Rebecca Anders, Jonathon Thomas, Harold Morgan Jr., Mr. James Downes, Chad Norris



Film Study Club

An assault on the senses

week is proven to be not
solely for the students but the
teachers as well. History teacher
Mr. Allison dresses accordingly
to the spirit of the day and
proudly PARTICIPATES.



THE Blues Brothers were
mimicked by senior Adam
Velazquez and sophomore Dan
Velazquez. The two are
acompanied by five other
students as apart of their ACT.

Samantha Hoopingartner

THE appearance of senior
Stefen Hutchins is transformed
to look like Diana Ross. He is
helped by juniors Amber Ritchie
and Alisha Richmond posing as
his two SUPREMES.

Samantha Hoopingartner





backstage senior Danielle
Gingerich prepares for her role
as singer/actress J-Lo. Danielle
takes her time to carefully apply
her **MAKEUP**.

IN the school play, Up the
Down Staircase, senior Laura
Hodges performs as an
experienced teacher giving helpful
advice to handle students of
sophomore Eric Michaels
character, the class **CLOWN**.
David Higgins



having the right pose and
looks needed, the junior boys
dress up to perform Lady
Marmalade. The boys ended up
giving everyone in the audience
quite a **LAUGH**.
Danae Huppington



AIR BAND

gives students a chance
to dress according to their acts.
For junior Andrew Warren and
Senior Jay Beckham, it was not
hard to pull off the look of the

70's rock band **QUEEN**.

Sakamoto Thompson



DANCE

again the boys performing
Lady Marmalade prove to shake
their stuff. Junior Jordan
Chaddock shows off with his
solo part as **Lil' Kim**.

A a Micheal Jackson look,
like, senior Ashley Plummer did a
dance performance for the
Junior Miss competition. After
the Junior Miss contests were
finished, she retruned home with
the spirit **AWARD**.





• THE •
 • spring leadership •
 • conference shows that learning •
 • can be fun. The term well-known •
 • term leadership is taught with •
 • games, activities, and mullets to •
 • help stress its MEANING •
 • • • • •



• • • • •
 • TO •
 • show off her school spirit •
 • junior Carrie Barnum sports her •
 • favorite Purdue jersey. She is a •
 • highly active member of the •
 • student COUNCIL •
 • • • • •

• • • • •
 • THE •
 • popular 60's and 70's •
 • band, The Beatles, was brought •
 • back to life at the annual airband •
 • show. Senior Songa Brubaker •
 • helps perfect Christina Vega's •
 • imitated appearance as George •
 • Harrison before the SHOW •
 • • • • •

An assault on the senses

row, row our boat across
the chlorine pool. Juniors Patricia
De Bord and Tesa Emmart
prepare for take off on their leg
of the

Nichelle Alcantara

I Made a Boat

story by RICHELLE alcantara

I Sank a Boat

This year I got this crazy idea from my cousin to start the school's first race Cardboard Boat Regatta. For those who do not know, it is a race of boats made only of cardboard and duct tape. No, they are not little boats, they are big boats, large enough to hold two people to race in and paddle their way across two laps of the pool. So, my best friend, Jade Lopez and I, jumped on building the fastest boat. We decided to be "The Crazy Cruisers." Throughout the week, we spent eight hours building a good looking canoe and we decorated it with stars and a Frankenstein

Head that I made for English class. Our boat was beautiful and we were determined to win. So the night before the race, we put our boat in my backyard swimming pool. We tested the boat's durability. We also practiced paddling. We were ready! Boy were we wrong! We were in our boat ready to race and when the beeper went off. Five seconds later we were over the lane rope and in the other lane. We just zigzagged our way through the race. We won our heat, that is all, but it was still an awesome time and we had a blast! This summer we are going to maybe go canoeing and work on our paddling!

overboard! Freshman Andrew Buszcek realizes he needed a little more tape to hold up his boat. Sadly, Buszcek begins to

Nschelle Alcant.





will, we will drown you!
 Juniors Jade Lopez and Richelle Alcantara tried to fulfill this threat, by running into the other racers lanes while trying to WIN.



"It's been my life's ambition to build a boat out of cardboard and emulate my hero, the author, Tom Clancy in recreating the Red October."



"It was a chance to hang out and gab with Karmel and it was a challenge to see if we could make something that could hold both of us up."



"My friends were doing it and it looked like fun. Plus, I knew i could win. (Winning) was Good!"



Juniors John Andrews and Kevin Wall try to keep it together and make it across the pool. Even team work does not always make WINNERS.

Stephane Bottwell

Queen will be our guide!
 Unfortunately this did not turn out to be true for juniors Came Barnum and Eric Smith as they entered the RACE.
 Michelle Alcantara

Spanish Club selected junior Christopher Rodriguez to participate in the conference while freshman Melanee Dallas was chosen from Student Council. Both students have demonstrated leadership and were chosen in part for 1115.

Megan Mulholland



spring leadership conference was planned and organized by members of the senior class. They dressed up in an 80's fashion to make the process more

more

student that participated in the conference was selected by a faculty member because of the leadership qualities shown while in a sport or

Megan Mulholland



...a way to meet new
 ...students, warm fuzzies were worn
 ...and exchanged after the student
 ...had introduced themselves.
 ...Freshman Stephanie Tanis met
 ...several new students evident by
 ...the her **NECKLACE**
 ...Bradley Stevenson

...a member of
 ...Student Council, junior Jordan
 ...Chaddock helped make the day
 ...successful while joining in on the
 ...fun as **YOUNG**
 ...Bradley Stevenson

students join for education **Making Unity** and fun-.

story by PRISCILLA hernandez

About one hundred and twenty-five selected students from PHS, Fegely, and Willowcreek participated in Portage High School Student Council's Annual Spring Leadership Conference.

The goal being to develop leadership skills by learning about oneself and others, Student Council packed the day with motivational speakers, games, and interactive activities. Mayor Doug Olson and State

Representative Duane Cheney were guests as they spoke to the students about the qualities of a leader.

M.U.L.E.T.S, standing for Making Unity, Letting Leaders Effectively Teach and Serve, was a fun theme used to educate the students about leadership. Student Council's focus was to teach students that making unity with those around you will provide a better way to teach and serve which was a fact proven that day.



...games were played to
 ...keep the day active and fun.
 ...Sophomore Alexis Chaddock
 ...describes a little about herself to
 ...the audience after losing her seat
 ...in train **YOUNG**
 ...Megan Mathews

...mullet hairstyle was
 ...brought back from the 80's when
 ...Student Council President Jeff
 ...Jones played a role as Mullet
 ...Man throughout the **DAY**
 ...Bradley Stevenson

relieve some tension and stress, junior Eric Smith gives a massage to senior Kristin Siminski. Throughout the retreat, a friendly atmosphere

was MAINTAINED.

Shandra Stanfield



BACK ROW: Kevin Wall, Andrew Zeha, Kyle Sweeney, Jordan Chaddock, Nathan Krenkel, Eric Smith, Scott Riley, Stacy Monnier. **THIRD ROW:** Melissa Matall, Sarah Wilkens, Samantha Mitchell, Christina Sanchez, Olivia Morales. **SECOND ROW:** Brandon Hill, Karen Green, Kristin Siminski, Samantha Hoopingartner, Alexis Chaddock, Matt Diamond, Adam Velazquez, Robert Kania, Jill Jones. **FIRST ROW:** Jacob Blaney, Shandra Stanfield, Emily Hursey, Ryan Campbell, Tiffany Whitaker, Melissa Wright, Emily Garnett, Denisa Hobgood, Victoria Velez, Christina Hyde, Richelle Alcantara.

what do you do?

teach students how to be better friends

how many?

35

Winter

sponsor?

Lynn Wilson, Kelly Ellis

Natural Helpers



was the reaction of junior Maureen Fall after she spilled hot chocolate. A lot of fun happened throughout the DAY.

Kenzie Grant



FRONT ROW: Lindsey Chamberlain, Nicole Bibby, Christina Hyde, Jill Young, Sarah Wilkens, Rebecca Anders. **SECOND ROW:** Tristin Matthews, Rebecca Bradford, Jessica Perez, Morgan Stout, Mrs. Leslee Cashmore, Mr. Mark Karmel. **THIRD ROW:** Mike Supp, Stacy Monnier, Valerie Comarford, Nicole Fernandez, Mr. John Hutchins. **FORTH ROW:** Lauren Bailey, Renee Grant, Jade Lopez, Maureen Pall, Lori Alicea, Lisa Owen, John Andrews, Mrs. Kelli Ellis. **BACK ROW:** Nathan Krenkel, Christopher Gomez, Meagan Rapatta, Alison Zuidervliet, Mr. Anthony Klimczak, Nick Hammond, Joey Guidarelli, Adam Ritter, Matt Diamond.

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in giggles, seniors Matthew Diamond and Christina Hyde help in relaxing junior Samantha Hoopingartner and class of '01 graduate Denisa Hobgood. This helped students in getting to know one ANOTHER.

Kenzie Grant



Is it hard to
keep the

"No, I am a
tough guy."

"No, because I
know how much
it means to a lot
of people and the
last thing I'd like
to do is ruin a life
changing experi-
ence for others."



"Yes, but I didn't
want to ruin the
experience if they
were ever picked.
Plus it's some-
thing hard to put
into words. It was
the best time."

Why so many secrets? Who are they? Natural Helpers What is it?

story by SHANDRA
stanfield

Many students
have heard of the
infamous "Natural
Helpers," but few
know what it is really
about.

Natural
Helpers is a retreat in
which thirty students
are chosen to
participate. The
students are
nominated by their
peers at the beginning
of the school year by an
anonymous ballot.
The ballot contains
questions like "What
three friends do you
confide in about your
problems?". From
there on the sponsors

of Natural Helpers
look at the ballots and
the students with
their names written
down the most are
chosen.

The retreats last for
three days, and take
place in the winter
and again in the
spring.

There has
been some
controversy about
Natural Helpers and
it's secretive nature.
However, anyone
who has been on the
retreat knows that the
secrets are kept for a
reason.



seniors Andrew Zeha,
Nathan Krenkel and juniors
Kevin Wall, Jacob Blaney do a
trust sit. Trust was a major issue
at the RETREAT.

Shandra Stanfield

fun continues while all the
boys involved in the winter retreat
gather together and create a
human pyramid. The boys
decided to create this pyramid in
effort to make a fun and
interesting PHOTO.

Shandra Stanfield

Victorious Aroma

A school day simply spent tackling school work is not enough for some students. Athletes go above and beyond expectations as they devote numerous hours every day towards the conditioning and practice of a sport. While most of the student body is familiar with a school day that lasts from 7:25 am until 2:35 pm, an athlete has a much rougher schedule that requires him to reside in the school for up to twelve hours, all in a glorious effort to stride away with a *victorious* game or meet. After one is continually exposed to the school, he becomes better intimate with its distinct features and characteristics: the chlorine-scented air so humid and thick someone could cut it with a knife, the pungent odor of rubber when new basketballs are purchased, and even the sweet *aroma* of fresh grass on the football field after an afternoon rain. Not only do these distinct aromas become a part of the athlete, but they become a key element to the sport itself due to its easily recognizable association.

HARVESTING A NATURAL TALENT FOR BOTH

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK, SENIOR ADAM

RITTER TAKES HIS CAREER IN RUNNING

SERIOUSLY. RITTER ABSTAINS FROM DRUGS,

ALCOHOL, AND SMOKING IN ORDER TO KEEP HIS

BODY IN TOP CONDITION. "I DON'T DRINK OR

SMOKE. I'M NOT REALLY INTO ALL THAT STUFF.

BESIDES, IT'S REALLY BAD FOR YOU."



*MIKE Kane (#16), junior back checks into the Indian zone to successfully break up the Lake Central offense. According to his teammates, Kane stepped up as a leader this year and always scored the clutch goals when they were *NEEDED*.*

*"THERE were a lot of ups and downs, but I knew once we came together as a team, we'd start winning", junior Christopher Hopper said on the hockey *SEASON*.*



*FROM the middle to the end of the season, stakes are high when every team fights for a positional spot in the play *OFFS*.*

*NUMBER fourteen, senior Bradley Piasecki, picks up the puck to send it out of the Indian zone. Brad is noted for cleaning up "garbage" around the net and scoring necessary *GOALS*.*



Hockey's Better

Written

by Rebecca Anders

Indian players come back to win third at state

Playing at the United Center as a result of a lottery (won by Lake Central) to pick a team that they wanted to play against, just the Indian's luck, Lake Central picked them and the Indians were victorious 6-2.

The season was full of a variety of ups and downs. They suffered a few major injuries and some undedicated players towards the middle of the season, however they had enough spunk to spice up their passion for hockey to make an unheard of come back.

To make this comeback work, players started committing themselves. When the injured players finally got back on the ice, it all came together.

With a focus on the fact that this was the last chance for the playoffs, seniors were thrilled that the winning attitude of the group was giving results. All of them understood what it was like to lose and they were sick of it. Playoff games and all, the season ended in March with a 9-11 record before state.

Although they didn't have that great

of a mid-season, they came in third at state and second in their league playoffs when no one thought they could except them.

Portage hockey is considered a club because the school has no part in the funding. As a result of the shortage in Portage teammates, players from Lowe and Merrillville joined in to complete the team.

"Having people from different schools on your team was a new experience because you don't see each other at school and you still had a tighter bond with them than most of your everyday school friends," junior Christopher Hopper stated.

Off season for these boys is filled with sleeping, lots of tennis, roller hockey, weights, golf and all the other normal things to do. Hopper left with a quote that sums up the team's love for the sport: "Golf is a good sport to play in the summer time, but do I like golf better than hockey? no way."

INDIANS celebrate after junior Greg Holiday from Crown Point puts one in the net for the **TEAM**.



HOPPER skates back into the neutral zone to break out the puck for a play. The game against Lake Central was victorious with a 6-2 win by the **INDIANS**.

As junior Katie Danskin
putts the ball, she con-
centrates. A putt is a
golf stroke that is used in
effort to make the ball
into the *HOLE*.



As junior Michelle
Cirrincione swings the
club, she tries to get it
on the green. A golf
game is played on a
large outdoor course
with a series of 9 or 18
holes spaced far *APART*.



HERE senior Mandy
Nelson puts the ball, she
tries to hit it into the hole.
The point of golf is to make
the ball into the hole with as
few strokes as *POSSIBLE*.



AT a golf meet junior Jessica Lazar tees off. A great tee shot takes good aim and *THOUGHT*.



Wake Up!

Written

Jessica Berlin

Hitting a little white ball can be challenging, frustrating and fun.

Girls golf, most people grab their pillows and start their naps when they hear those two words. The 2001-2002 season of the Girls' Golf team did extremely well, and was more recognized than ever before. Junior Katie Danskin stated, "Girls golf is a unrecognized sport that no one notices." This frustrates Danskin very much because the girls' golf team plays very well. One of the team members junior Danielle Moore ranked for divisional sectionals during this past season. The whole aspect of how the sport of golf is neglected, or sometimes, not even thought of as a sport frustrates the team a great deal because they all work very hard and try their best to do a great job of repre-

senting their team and their school, and they receive no credit for anything. They deserve credit because the team did excellent jobs during the season. Many of the more recognized sports do not get that far. The girls golf team got really far and did a great job, and half of the school still does not know that Portage High School even has a Golf team! The golf team believes that they should get recognized for all the hard work that they have done. So why does the school not appreciate the team or know they exist?

Next time people hear the words "girls' golf," they need to wake up, because they did try hard and have fun doing it.

WHILE sophomore Ashley Oliver follows through she watches to see if the ball makes it on the green. Golf takes a lot of *CONCENTRATION*.



AS junior Brett Arnold waits patiently for the ball to come, he prepares to hit it. Good hand-eye coordination is important in the game of *TENNIS*.

WHILE freshman Marc Jones begins to serve the ball, he concentrates on the speed and distance he needs to hit it. A bad serve could ruin the *GAME*.



WHILE at tennis practice, junior Ryan Twilla hits the ball over the net. Even though he has tennis elbow, he still plays the game *WELL*.



TENNIS is a game that takes a lot of thought. As senior Alan Nagy gets ready to serve, he focuses *HARD*.



We Got Game!

Written

by Carla Gilbertson

What does the student body think about the subject of boys tennis? Students think of this boring sport played by the old and the snobbish. On the contrary, tennis is a nonstop, high action sport. Tennis is also an extremely physical sport that takes a lot of practice, hard work, and determination.

Tennis is said to be so competitive because many of the players that have become injured during the season, still have had the heart and strength to go out there and compete everyday. For example, junior Ryan Twilla, a key player from the 2001 - 2002 boys tennis team, has had tennis elbow for awhile and still continues to give his all and helps lead the team everyday at practices and during games.

Boys' Tennis is not just another boring sport.

Tennis elbow is an extremely painful swelling of the tissues and muscles around the elbow that is caused by strain from playing mostly tennis and activities.

While some feel that Portage tennis has a hard time competing with other schools since court time is at a premium, the team members play the game with dedication and heart. Although most players did like the idea of the athletic field house that would have given the players a place to play in any weather.

So, next time one sees a tennis player or hears about tennis, do not get the wrong idea, because it takes a lot of time and hard work to play tennis.



AS junior Frank Knez III hits the ball over the net, teammate sophomore Eric Michaels watches in amazement. Tennis can be a very fun *SPORT*.

AFTER senior Jonathan Cotton hits the ball, he does a victory dance to show his enthusiasm. Good enthusiasm and good spirit are good keys in a victorious *SEASON*.

UPPERCLASSMEN Lindsay O'Rourke, Stephanie Krostag, Gretchen Hargarten, Maureen Pall, Heide Hulsik, and Danielle Gingerich unwind before their awaited meet against *CARMEL*.

EVERYONE on the team lettered this year. Hall of Fame qualifiers with a subtotal of 11:50 for 3000 meters or a subtotal of 16:00 for 4000 meters include Leah Bearss, Amanda Massow, Lindsay O'Rourke, and Maureen *PALL*.



RUNNING since sixth grade, senior Lindsay O'Rourke is noted for being a great leader for the *UNDERCLASSMEN*.





DESCRIBED by her teammates as dependable, junior Maureen Pall always does well. She does her job and strives for the **TEAM**

On the Inside

Written

Rebecca Anders

*In spite of her long journey,
the distance is made.*

“On your marks. Get set! Go,” yelled the starter. A blur of colors and bodies fight to make their escape from the starting line. The anxiety that crept into her stomach before the race started, explodes into excitement and competitive fury. Two and a half miles, but only around seventeen minutes to run her heart out.

Flying around a corner, as an elbow hits her ribs, the sun beats down on my back as she starts the long climb up a hill. All she hears is the pound of someone else’s feet on the soft ground behind her and the panting and wheezing of their breath. Struggling desperately to pick up her legs, which are as heavy as lead, she makes her way to the top and only two miles are left to go.

Her heart is pounding and her throat is dry. As one trickle of hot sweat drops down her forehead, she suddenly feels the fatigue sweeping over her body. The crowd cannot be heard anymore as numbness fills her arms and legs and the race.

It suddenly becomes very quiet and peaceful. Trees fly around her in a blur and

suddenly she is in a trance where all she can hear and see is her breathing and the sway of a girl’s ponytail in front of her. It is a constant struggle to push her legs faster and farther, but she knows the feeling of satisfaction from finishing will set in soon.

Making her way out of the woods, she was immediately confronted with cheering fans, clapping and waving their. With one deep breath, she sprints into the chute and looks up to see her time and place.

Seven years of racing and horrendous practices in snow, rain and sun have prepared her for this moment. Her last race fills her with bittersweet memories of fun and tears. From her teammates, she has learned about dedication, spirit and how much more precedence the mind has over the body. No matter how tired or how much more she has to go, she can make it. Nothing can stop her from achieving her dreams and future endeavors.

An inside story of Danielle Gingerich explains the great effort and initiative one needs to overcome all obstacles.



ALL-conference runner sophomore Amanda Massow, explodes past an opponent to finish the last **STRETCH.**

A Good Start

Written

by Priscilla L. Hernandez

Gaining leadership skills and building friendships were two important elements that played a vital role to the success of this year's boys cross-country team. Besides the hard practices and competitions the team endured, they set time aside at the start of their season to learn about each other more in depth and become a whole.

This year, Coach Jeff Smenyak took several team members to a cross-country camp at Indiana State Park for one week, just as former Coach William Wilke had done for many years before.

While at camp, the team participated in campfire chats, plenty of softball, and of course, ran twice a day. Most of the team slept in tents while a few of the older members layed back in a camper. The boys also enjoyed hot days at the beach and spent some of their money at the local mall.

cross-country team started off season at unfifying camp

The goal of this trip was to bring the team closer together. They could apply these relationships and skills during competitions to enhance their success. The boys usually ran in packs during their practices which was another element used to help them gain unity.

Every Thursday night, it was always common to find all of the cross-country athletes at a team member's house as their parents put on a huge pasta dinner for them. The parents were great fans and supporters of the team which also contributed to their success.

From this information, it is safe to conclude that cross-country is far more than just a sport or exercise, it is a way to develop close relationships that last longer than the season.



W. Bailey



AT the Manchester Invite, senior Craig Foster showed much of his talents. He averaged the team's second man during the SEASON.

THE team's most valuable runner was senior Michael Urbanik. He ran a personal time of 15:44 over a 3.1 mile run, placing him in the Hall of FAME.

THIS year's best freshman runner was Jason Willis. He ran a time of 16:27 over a 3.1 mile COURSE.





At the Culver Invite, senior Adam Ritter finished as the team's second runner. The team placed sixth right behind five other top-ranked **TEAMS**.

At the Manchester Invite, senior Christopher Erickson tried to outkick his opponents. He always gave his best, which is evident by the look on his **FACE**.



W. bailey



YOU RUN?

Students divulge confidential info

Hey, why do



I run because it is a good way for me to stay in shape.

Kevin Eberle, 9

I like to run because running is not like any other sport and it's fun.

Eric Wong, 10



Running helps me keep my mind off problems that I deal with.

J. H. Smith, 7

I run for the competition and it's fun hanging out with the other guys.

David Dickerson, 12



BEFORE every race, the team ran a "warm up" together of 2-3 miles. This loosened their muscles and allowed the guys to run **FASTER**.

IN soccer, when a ball is kicked out of bounds it must be thrown back into play. During a Varsity game against Lake Central, this was done by junior Jessica SOSA.

SURROUNDED by two opponents, sophomore Kristin Coffman makes an attempt to steal the ball. Stealing the ball is common in *SOCCER*.



On the Field

Written

Michelle M. Conn

*Through many injuries,
soccer had a good season.*

Every sports team had a certain number of injuries this season. This is a common occurrence. If a team made it through an entire season without a single injury, it would be considered bizarre.

This year's girl soccer team, Varsity and Junior Varsity alike, both had an unusual amount of injuries this season. Of twenty-eight players on both teams, about ten players sustained injuries.

Injuries can either make or break a team. This year, it helped to make the girls soccer team. Injuries try a teams unity and ability level. When a large portion of the team is injured and unable to play at all or play at their full ability. Obviously this is not something a team wants to happen. Many teams buckle under the pressure of injured and missing players.

Professional teams have failed miserably when too many or even a few players have been injured.

This years girls soccer team triumphed through a large number of injuries. Players stepped up and took responsibility when a teammate was injured. Many of the girls practiced and played twice as hard to try and compensate for injured players.

Assistant coach Leslee Cashmore summed it up stating she was proud of everyone, "especially those who stepped up when we had injuries."

The Varsity soccer team ended this year with an eight and three record, and the Junior Varsity ended the season with a five and two record with two ties. They inform you to keep watching, next season will be better.





AFTER a Varsity win against Lake Central, sophomores Erika Lopez and Ashley Bernardi cheer. This game was also a victory for the Junior Varsity *TEAM*.



WITH an opponent close behind, Freshman Sarah Tugurian races for the goal. Tugurian went on to happily score a *POINT*.



DEFENSE, Junior Jessica Sosa, attempts to steal the ball from a Lake Central player. Jessica was successful in this *MANEUVER*.

VARSITY goalie, Senior Stephanie Balunda blocks an attempted goal by Lake Central. Balunda was successful with this *BLOCK*.

TEAM unity is depicted as juniors Nicholas Hamman and John Andrews exchange high fives after a smooth **PLAY**!

THE team possessed a great deal of confidence when it came to ability. Senior Andrew Bennett strolls down the **FIELD**!

DIFFICULT plays have a tendency to leave team members in a rubble. While senior Ryan Campbell is brought to the ground, sophomore Terry Easton is able to walk away from the entire play **UNSCATHED**!



C. L. vega



REMEMBER?

Students divulge confidential info

What will you



We went into a sectional shootout with Valpo and won.

Nicholas Hamman

We didn't have the greatest record, but in the end we came through.

John Andrews



Stephan Hutchins made my senior year on the team a blast.

Andrew Bennett

Our captains took off their shirts, revealing sports bras underneath.

John Andrews



C. L. vega



DEFENSE was really highlighted this year. Freshman Kenneth Bryan made the varsity team his first **YEAR**!

Beaten at Last

Written

Christina Vega

Soccer team defeats Valpo for sectional championship

The big game, year after year, is the highly anticipated DAC rivalry against the Valparaiso Vikings. Defeating the Vikings is, and has always been, a hopeful conquest in the world of high school athletics. Walking away from Valpo victorious is something that the soccer teams strive for, but few reach. The varsity boys soccer team, however, was among the few teams that have experienced the feeling of conquering the green and white.

Towards the end of the season, the boys varsity soccer team had become more seasoned and were well-conditioned. Moreover, they knew what to expect when they faced Valparaiso. The Vikings were an undoubtedly strong team in nearly every aspect considered in the soccer spectrum.

"We went into the Valpo game confident about ourselves, but we didn't expect to win," stated junior Nicholas Kanich.

Valparaiso's strong offense went head-to-head with the varsity's dominant defense. The result was a scoreless beginning for both teams.

"Portage soccer players have a lot of heart and never quit trying. We practice the way we play - hard. We never concede defeat," added Kanich.

The two teams battled relentlessly in an all out war of sweat, determination, athleticism, and even red cards. When the clock neared the end, however, the score was tied.

A shootout between the two rivals surfaced, with the varsity team leaving the field as sectional champions.



C. L. Vega

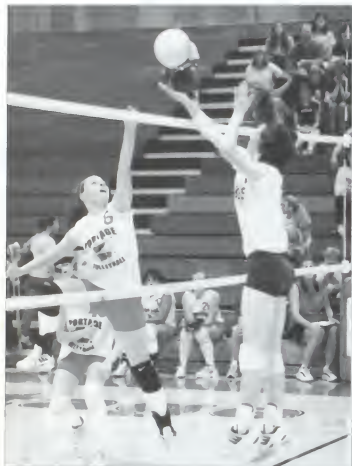


C. L. Vega

EMOTIONS heightened during the sectional game against Valparaiso. Junior Nicholas Hamann sobbingly exits the field after receiving a red card that prevented him from reentering the game. Portage defeated Valpo in his **ABSENCE**.

PEP talks by coach Andrew Vuko play a vital role in boosting the team's spirit and morale. Vuko tells his players how proud he is of their performance and encourages them to keep up the **EFFORT**.

As sophomore Kara Lane focuses on serving the ball, she anticipates getting an ace for the Junior Varsity TEAM.



As one of the few left-handed players on the team, freshman Erica Sanetznik uses all her strength to block the BALL.

A time out is called with Coaches Bob Maicher and Jennifer Fekete for a short motivating BREAK.



JV/Frosh Volleyball



WITH much force and determination, freshman Amy Bass is landing from an attack on the **OPPONENT.**

WHILE freshman Tiffany Efantis focuses on the game, she prepares to set the oncoming ball for a **HIT.**



AS freshman Lisa Hansen spikes the ball, her teammates Ashley Smith and Nicole Catlin cover on defense to **back her UP.**

HERE, junior Leigh Cotton leads a team huddle. Her competitiveness helped to inspire the team during the SEASON.

Tough Luck

Written

Jessica Berlin

Team gave their all in the 2001 season.

Imagine three months of intense training and grueling hard work taking up much of your summer and the first few months of school. Also imagine this as the most fun you have ever had in your entire life. Hard to believe, huh? Well, for the girls volleyball team this was the reality for their 2001 volleyball season. All these girls worked extremely hard every year to represent our school to the best of their ability by playing hard. Every day during summer break, these girls practiced for approximately two and a

half hours no matter how tired they were from the previous day's work.

Even though one of the volleyball team's star players always forgot her uniform before games, and they lost to our school's biggest rival, the Valparaiso Vikings, they never let it get the best of them. They continued to work hard, day in and day out. Regardless of the heartbreaking loss, the team says that they will return next year, and show them who's boss. Players look forward to seeing that happen.

SUSPENSE was a big part of the season. While sophomore Nicole McDonald serves the ball, her teammates watch from the BENCH.



AS Coach Chris Dixon gets the team hyped up for their game, they concentrate on her words of encouragement. Pep talks help the team work together for all of the games PLAYED.

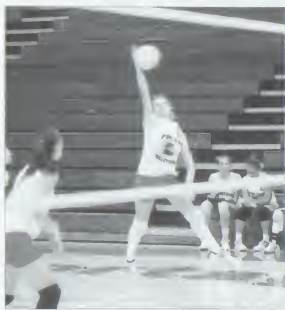


COOPERATION is a necessity in a game of volleyball.

While junior Lauren Bemsten sets up a spike, junior Leigh Cotton gets ready to jump up and hit the *BALL*.



AS junior Lauren Bemsten serves the ball, she uses perfect form for an overhand serve. Bemsten has been a varsity player for two years.



HERE, sophomore Tiffany Tabisz shows off her spiking skills. Tabisz is known for her spiking abilities.

"We Are Ready"

Written

Candice B. Turner

Football players spent twenty minutes a night in conditioning, practiced two and a half to three hours a day, and suffered through separated shoulders and broken arms. How many of us can survive? How many can go through grueling repeats of agility, hitting, and tackling drills? How many would be willing to get up at six a.m. during the summer, knowing you want to sleep in until noon? Most would answer those questions with an emphatic, "Not me," yet there were many that proclaimed "W.A.R.!" (meaning, "We Are Ready!").

Some coaches pointed out "outstanding" young men such as Andrew Dranchak, David Staples, Matt Sedoris, Jesse Harrell, and many more that represented our junior varsity and freshmen football teams. These players are the

*JV and freshmen players
prepare for the future*

future of Portage. Some feel they are one of the best groups Portage has had, while others see some as varsity starters in the upcoming years. Whatever their future, these students remained tough and kept up their work ethic. As Coach Schroll a.k.a. "Kool-Aid" pondered the 2001 season, he said, "You always want to improve. We did that."

The freshmen team ended their season with a 5-4 record, and JV ended with a 5-3-1 record. To some, expectations could have been higher, but there were kinks. For JV, many times, the best players were used for varsity, while the freshmen, did not have a kicker. Some players, such as sophomores Erik Scheub and Artemio Delreal were injured. Yet, no matter what, good or bad, wins or losses, Portage's young men have heart.



A Merrillville
gang attacks sophomores
Jesse Harrell and Shawn
Sparks as they break free
to gain more yardage
for **PORTAGE**



CHESTERTON never
knew who was boss, until
freshmen Andrew Dranchak
and John Kornacki
showed UP.

JV Quarterback,
junior Adam Hasiak
tried to show through
his game that he is
ready for next year. His
goal is to become
even **BETTER**





ANOTHER Indian play is prepared by sophomore Darrell Hobgood and the JV offensive **LINE**.

THE junior varsity offensive line gets ready for war. Junior varsity team members aspire to play **VARSITY**.



FRESHMEN players have learned a lot, especially the value of taking players **DOWN**.

DESPITE some of the problems in the season, freshmen always showed **TEAMWORK**.

SURROUNDED by attentive football players, Coach Dan McCoy focuses on mastering another great play. Portage's football coaches were a great asset to the *TEAM*.

SKILLFULLY maneuvering through tackles was one of running back, Kris Karagory's, 12, many talents. Portage will not forget him this *SEASON*.



WITH adrenaline rushing and determination in his heart, Tony Crist, 12, runs away from his opponents grasp. As he holds the football tightly in his arms, Crist puts on a great *PERFORMANCE*.

SOUNDS of stomping feet and a supporting crowd always help to motivate the team as they run out of their new inflatable football helmet. Team members raised money for the helmet over the *SUMMER*.





ON the twenty yard line senior Michael Supp gets tackled, senior Tony Crist finds himself up in the *AIR*.

FOOTBALL isn't always "all work and no play". A few players such as, Aaron Jennings, 11, Kyle Sonaty, 11, Josh Rocha, 11, and Dave Dienes, 12, have fun with each other before going back out on the *FIELD*.



What a Season

Written

Alan A. Fengya

The season started out great with Portage defeating East Chicago Central.

As the season went on the Indians had two more wins over Lake Central and Hobart.

Though they lost to Merrillville, Portage played a grueling game that went into overtime.

The next week became bad news for Crown Point. Portage seemed to have decided upon letting go of all the frustration accumulating inside of them from their loss to Merrillville and went on to shut the Crown Point Bulldogs out with an untouchable win of 47-0.

The Indians followed that win with two more victories, defeating Chesterton and Michigan City.

Wins and losses defined another memorable season

Then came the game when the football team battled with their archrival, the Valparaiso Vikings. The game was played in the rain and on a very muddy field.

The Indians showed that rain, sleet, or snow, could not stop them from defeating the Vikings, with the final score of the game being 14-7.

Two weeks later, the Portage Indians played against the Valparaiso Vikings again, in the first round of sectionals. The Vikings and Indians defense was good, but the Indians were not good enough to hold the Vikings back from winning.

Overall, this year the Portage High School Varsity Football team had a great season with a final record of 8 and 2.

DOUBLE checking his options, Micheal Supp, 12, prepares for another play. Fellow teammates support Supp with good *DEFENSE*.





ON the way to a meet, sophomore Ashley Cowger enjoys her time on the bus. Cowger was imitating the infamous Dr. Evil for her **TEAMMATES**.

WHILE sporting the Portage cap and the wire-strapped goggles, freshman Tiare Parker works out in **STYLE**.



SOMETIMES girls just want to have fun. Junior Ingrid Conover, seniors Kristy Siminski and Kara Gibson, and sophomore Miranda West take a break from swimming and play around on a **CANOE**.

A perfect picture of the hardcore action at winter break, Ashley Cowger, sophomore, hits the wall after a set, hurt wrist and **ALL**.



MEETS can never truly begin unless Portage belts out some spirit. Swimmers mimic themselves as if they are extreme **CHEERLEADERS**.

DESPITE her swimming-induced injuries, senior Heather Piazza worked through the pain to continue adding points in the **RACE**.



LONG bus rides and trips are natural parts of any athlete's life, but goofing around is actually a bonus. Junior Tammy Paniaguas plays it cool with the senior team **MEMBERS**.



DEMONSTRATING her motivational trademark "superstar" senior Kristy Siminski warms up for a **MEET**.

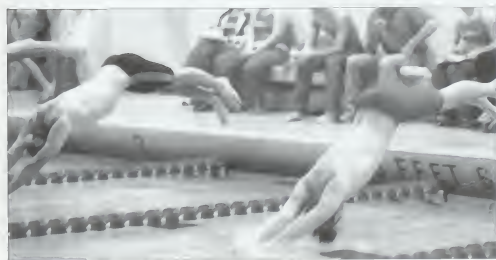


IN a diving position, senior Kara Gibson gets ready for a race. It is important to stand in the correct position to prevent an **INJURY**.

HERE a swimmer cuts through the water while diving. Diving team members are judged on a variety of *CRITERIA*.

BESIDES thinking about the competition, the swimmers have to remember proper stroke and breathing techniques during the *MEET*





IN mere seconds, junior Eric Berry will splash through the surface of the water. The divers are expected to strive for perfect *FORM*.

WITH heads tucked and arms stretched out, the boys swim team launches from the starting blocks. A key to a good race is a good *START*.

GYMNASTS assemble behind the vaulting runway in order to provide support for their fellow teammates and raise **MORAL**.



C. L. vega



TIGHT legs and pointed toes are important fundamentals.

Junior Christine Wampler practices her floor **ROUTINE**.

THE uneven bars is a difficult event to master. Sophomore Kandi Nugent has been perfecting the event since she was eight years **OLD**.

AFTER the national anthem is played, gymnasts from both teams clap in unison to show their appreciation and respect for the **U.S.A.**



C. L. vega

HARDEST?

Students divulge confidential info

what trick is the



A back-handspring on the beam because its just plain scary.

Kandi Nugent 10



A full on the floor because I'm a baby and always fell after doing a half.

Renee Cavalli 11

Everything was hard for me after I broke my wrist.

Christine Wampler 10



A back-tuck full on the beam because I have a fear of twisting around the beam.

Kristina Kunkle 10



State Dreams

Written

by Christina Vega

For many athletes, dreams of making their way to the state championships remain as only that...dreams. With the constant quest to earn themselves a spot to state, many athletes have a deep respect for the talented and determined athletes who actually make it there. Junior gymnast Julianne Repay, however made it to state not only once but twice on the event of beam.

"When I returned to state I had higher expectations. I wanted to finish in the top six to be in All State," stated Repay.

Repay underwent a grueling training routine that consisted of performing ten 'no fall' routines per day. This practice unquestionably prepared Repay for her competition, which she greatly overestimated.

"I watched everyone and I was like 'Oh my God! They are so much better than me,' but my coach was like 'No they are not!' I thought it was going to be a lot harder than

junior Julianne Repay makes it to state...again

what it was, but some of the girls choked."

Repay felt a lot of pressure just before she performed her event, but this would soon be alleviated when she saw the score of the gymnast that was currently in sixth place.

"Seeing the sixth place score before I started my routine made me more confident because I knew I could do better than that score," declared Repay.

Her prediction was correct. In the end, Repay ranked sixth out the fifty-three girls that made it to state on beam. She earned herself the coveted All State title and prepared herself for next year.

"Next year, I hope to make it to state on more events."

With goals that strive to reach higher and achieve more, there is little doubt Repay will ever be satisfied with a mediocre routine. A dynamic performance is a way of life for this junior gymnast.

BEAM is junior Julianne Repay's specialty. She was the only state qualifier from her team and earned this spot by competing her amazing beam skills. The level of difficulty in her routine lead her to finish sixth at **STATE**.



AS her coach looks on, junior Renee Grant begins a routine on the low bar. Grant was among the top gymnasts for the varsity **TEAM**.

TEAM unity was highlighted as gymnasts came together for a pregame **Huddle**.



C. L. Vega

ALTHOUGH senior Scott Buhman has fouled his opponent, he still manages to finish as a semi-state **CHAMPION**.

FINISHING first at sectionals and regionals, freshman Michael Leucuta qualified for semi-state and completed the season with a 37-10 **SCORE**.



P. L. hernandez



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CUT WEIGHT?

Students divulge confidential info

How do you
not op how



In the morning, I run in the pool room wearing plastic bags.

Joshua Garza, 10

I just run a lot, I don't eat, and I practice.

Brian Kemp, 10



I don't have to worry about cutting because I wrestle at my normal weight.

Anthony Cost, 11

I run, watch what I eat and I work out.

Mark Damico, 10



P. L. hernandez

At the semi-state finals, sophomore Joshua Garza placed third and went on to place fourth at the individual state **COMPETITION**.

PLACING sixth at Individual state finals, senior David Persin ends his high school wrestling career with a 38-06 **RECORD**.





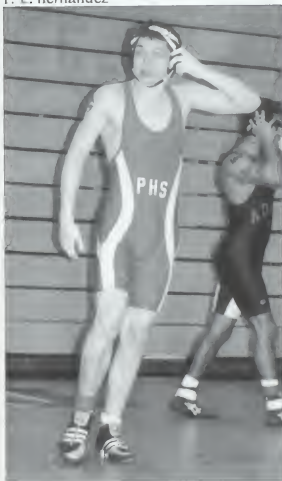
P. L. hernandez

VARSITY wrestler Dallas Hesseltine was one of the three freshman who competed at semi-state placing fourth in the overall *COMPETITION*.

A5 junior Blake Riley struggles, he attempts to free himself of his opponent during the semi-state *FINALS*.



P. L. hernandez



P. L. hernandez

AT 145 lbs, sophomore Darrin Elkins ends the season with forty-five wins and three *LOSES*.

Effort Pays Off

Written

by Priscilla Hernandez

Varsity and JV wrestling team worked hard all season.

When people think of winning sports teams, football and basketball immediately come to mind. Wrestling is one of the most overlooked sports in high school athletics but it also is one of the most praised.

Varsity won twenty-six out of their thirty-two competitions this year and JV won thirteen out of fifteen. The wrestling team's grueling practice routine included mandatory practices after school as well as morning conditioning sessions. Freshman Alfredo Sanchez said, "It takes a lot of dedication. I think we work harder than a lot of other schools."

During their practices, they ran and wrestled against team members better than themselves. One of the exercises the team worked on at practice were "tic domes," which was a strategy used to help wrestlers stay on their feet.

How successful a wrestler is depends on how good, strong, and in shape he is. According to Coach Ed Pendowski,

the most important part of participating in the sport is staying in shape. The better in shape a wrestler is, the easier the sport seems to be. Fitness greatly attributes to a team member's results when competing.

Besides the physical necessities, wrestlers agree that endurance and determination are important mental attitudes to have in order to be a successful wrestler. They need to be determined enough to become the best. Many people are ignorant of the time and effort spent by wrestlers to improve themselves as individuals as well as a team.

A majority of the wrestlers continued to wrestle after the season ended through after school free-style practices. This gave them the opportunity to work on their skills and prepare for next year. Although for some, it was just something they enjoyed to do whether competition is involved or not.

IS anybody out there? Sophomore Emily Safstrom wonders as she searches for a teammate to whom to pass the BALL.

Building On Up

Written

by Stephanie Bottorff

Playing on a basketball team is not all about winning, but also about the skills, fundamentals, attitudes and teamwork of the players in the game.

"I find basketball difficult in becoming a team player but medium as a whole," stated sophomore Kristen Wilk.

The players on JV and freshman teams are not just working to better their skills and understanding of the game, but they are working to get their team to the top and one day make varsity.

Working together and accomplishing the goals set by the team are the biggest priorities for this year. Winning is just a reward along the way. At times, it could get tricky trying to get the team to play well with each other, while some of the girls practice with varsity, but play on the freshman and JV teams.

"The girls have done a good job with the circumstances," stated JV coach Robert Maicher.

The JV team this year could have been called the rookie team, seeing that there were no returning players from last year. This situation forced the girls to work together and quickly adjust to the customs of high school basketball.

"Knowing what your job is and doing it, is the biggest challenge this year," stated freshman coach Tim Pivarnik.

Behind the make up, the sleepless

*JV and freshman girls make
a big impression*

sleepovers and the endless hours of "girl talk," there is a group of girls who have joined together to create the JV and freshman teams.

"The team does things outside of school, like spaghetti dinners and sleepovers," said sophomore Krystal Rigoni.

These things are done to boost the interaction of the girls and get them on a more personal basis with each other, and it all plays a part in teamwork.

"The most enjoyable part of being on the team is being with friends," replied sophomore Autumn Stoner.

Both the JV and freshman teams have received 10's when rated by the coaches for unity. The girls are said to have good attitudes, teamwork and people skills.

"I think they respond to all four coaches and have adjusted to the fact that just as they are different, each coach has different styles of motivation and coaching techniques," Maicher explained.

A lot of the girls have had previous experience with other teams.

"I played PYB for 8 years, I played AAU for two years (I'm still playing) and I played basketball in middle school for two years," said freshman Nicole Catlin.

As long as they do their best as a team, there is no such thing as losing.



*UP, up and away! Sophomore
Kara Lane shoots with perfect
tion, class and STYLE.*



WHO has it? Freshman Amy Samplawski has it, as she stretches long and **HARD**.

WHITE girls can jump! Sophomore Krystal Rigoni makes a challenging one-handed **SHOT**.

INSPIRATION?

Students divulge confidential info

What's Your



"When I know my family and friends are watching me play, and when I have a Mountain Dew!"

Krystal Rigoni

"I try to watch Love and Basketball before my games or at least I watch the game part."

Kristen Wilson



"I am one of those players who feeds off the crowd so they really get me pumped and ready to go."

Amy Samplawski

"Watching older people play, and do awesome just makes me want to get out and play."

Kristen Wilson



MID-game is here. Coach Robert Maicher pep-talks the girls into their next few **PLAYS**.



At the height of it

Written

Samantha Hoopingamen

Hours of grueling practice and exercise could make a person pretty tired, and ready to give up. Well not this year, and not for these girls. From being one of the shortest teams in the DAC, to having only two seniors back on the team, the girls varsity basketball team has been through it all this year.

The team was made up of a lot of guards and height was a major disadvantage for the team. The average height per player was five feet six inches which is not exceedingly tall for the sport. At least it does not seem to be when they are up against girls almost twice their size. With no centers and few forwards, they had little playing time so they had to be quick on their feet.

"Since we didn't have height we needed speed and we had that," says

"Since we didn't have height we needed speed and we had that"

junior Lindsay Abram. The team has been through a lot and the ability to get along helped them out well. None of the girls seem to have a major ego about themselves this year either.

"This year we don't have a number one player or players" says junior Christina Kornacki.

This team has shown a lot of uniqueness and that is quite rare for every member of a team to be able not just to tolerate each other but to get along. "We don't have someone to throw it off to, and trust them to score because it is tie. We are an average team who can do well together and trust each other, not just one key player."

For such a complex team to have so many challenges in a year can be very hard to deal with. Not many people would have thought that they could be so strong of a team. The girls definitely proved the adage that whatever doesn't beat you, only makes you stronger.

FILLED with joy at winter homecoming, Coach Renee Turpa hugs senior Nicole Tesseneer during AWARDS.



ON her way to the basket, sophomore Nicole McDonald contemplates whether to pass the ball to a teammate or go for the shot HERSELF.





TO pass or not to pass, that is the question going through junior Caitlin Austgen's mind as she contemplates her **DECISION**.

WITHOUT a doubt, sophomore Nicole McDonald eases her way past the other team and scores two **POINTS**.



DIFFERENT?

Students divulge confidential info

How is it



We only have three posts and they are known as the 'Triple Towers.'

Lindsay Kormanik



We didn't have a lot of guards this year and we had to be a lot faster.

Lindsay Vignati

Our size is definitely different, but we get along off the court as well as on.

Nicole McDonald

I was made a team captain this year, that was a lot different for me.

Nicole McDonald



BASKETBALL proves to be a rough sport, senior Nicole Dearing demonstrates this as she puts on her knee brace during **PRACTICE**.

WITHOUT hesitation, sophomore Lorenzo Lacy sprints down the court and goes up for a *JUMPSHOT*.

JV Basketball



DESPITE the intimidating forces, sophomore Daniel Paulsen is still able to shoot the ball with high *HOPES*.

WHILE having defender number 42's hand in his face, sophomore Anthony Leal still goes up strong with his *LAYUP*.



WITH only one defender behind him, sophomore Daniel Paulsen is almost certain of making a *BASKET*.

WHILE anticipating a jumpshot, freshman Buster Battreall tries to avoid being blocked by a Hobart *PLAYER*.



AFTER receiving pass, sophomore Kyle Autrey is able to throw up an easy *SHOT*.

WHILE trying to shoot the ball
an Hobart player gets knocked
out of the WAY.

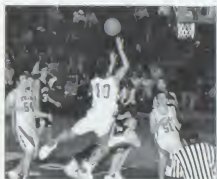
HERE is Matt Martinez at-
tempting a lay up. Matt has
been playing basketball since
Elementary SCHOOL.



AFTER a victory, fresh-
man Buster Battreall
congratulates teammate
Sophomore Michael
Steege for a great GAME.



HERE a Hobart player attempts to block freshman Buster Battreall from making a BASKET.



AT a game against Hobart, freshman Anthony Leal jumps and shoots the ball to attempt to make a BASKET.

WHILE in a huddle Coach Wells and J.V. assistant Bryan Lochmondy talk to team about the next PLAY.





Dance Fever

Written

Danielle Marquez

Some say the football team gets more fans than the basketball team. One thing is for sure, the basketball players will always have the Indianettes on their side. The Poms give quite the performance during halftime. The routines they perform consist of cat leaps, axles, pirouettes, shanas, split leaps, toe touches, side hurdles, and much more. So what the crowd really sees is a performance of hard work and dedication.

Being a Poms member is harder than it seems. They are constantly going over their routines to perfect them. Furthermore, if one member is having a difficult time with a certain part of the routine, it is not only up to the coach to help her out, it is up to the other members as well. Teamwork is stressed by all members of the squad. All of their diligent work and team

effort payed off this year when they took home first place at nationals. The girls were extremely happy to know that they all came together to achieve such an accomplishment.

Poms members are very enthusiastic about being a part of the Indianettes. Their enthusiasm shows on their faces as they are out on the floor dancing with a smile. Some may say the Indianettes are similar to the cheerleaders. This may be true when it comes to enthusiasm and dedication. However, they are different in the things they have in their routines. Remember, when the girls are out on the floor performing, they feed off of the crowd's energy. So at their next performance show the Indianettes a little appreciation. Give them a round of applause for all of their dedication to their craft, as well as the energy they bring to their dance performances.

Indianettes show off their moves



R. S. anders

THE girls try to look their best for their performances. Here sophomore Maria Belleville gets her hair done by junior Michelle JUSZCZAK.

SHAKE it girls! Excitement seems to overflow on the girls FACES.



R. S. anders



THE girls show some school spirit. With smiles on their faces they encourage the crowd to join IN.

THIS Indianette smiles for the camera. Freshman Lauren Bellar shares her love of dancing with the rest of the GIRLS.



What Was Your

WORST DANCE MOVE?



We were doing a routine and Marie kicked me in the head.

—Ashley Liebigs

During Regionals I was coming down from a toe-touch and I fell on my butt.

—Marie

We were doing a routine, my ankle twisted, and I fell in front of everyone.

—Ashley Liebigs

Halfway through a solo routine I forgot my routine.

—Ashley Liebigs



THIS Indianette shows appreciation for her country. Freshman Ashley Liebigs joins in the national ANTHEM.

Shout It Out

Written

Danielle Marquez

*The cheerleaders keep
school spirit alive*

It is a close call at the football game. Everyone is worried. Will the Portage Indians win the game? Thankfully there is a group of girls who can take the crowd away from the fear of the game. As the cheerleaders start to cheer, the crowd joins them in their love of the game and their joy. Sure it takes the guys out there on the field to score the points, but it also takes the cheerleaders on the sidelines to keep the spirit alive in everyone attending the game.

In order to perfect their cheers everything the cheerleaders do is centered around an extreme amount of teamwork. "Even if we don't get along we push our differences aside," says junior Stefani Hesseltine. The girls spend large portion of time with each other and share a very unique

bond. If any of the girls ever needs help, there is always a helping hand. Thanks to such dutiful teamwork, the varsity and junior varsity made it to Nationals this year and took home third place.

There is more to the cheerleading team than just jumping around and yelling. There is a lot of hard work, determination, and physical strain put into a cheerleading team. The many routines they practice include mounts, tumbling, dance moves and cheers. Sure the routines look easy, but keep in mind how much work the girls go through to put those routines together. So at the next game do not forget to recognize the hard work put behind the entertainment the girls provide.



C. Turner



EVEN a cold October night does not stop the enthusiasm of the cheerleaders. Sophomore Kandi Nugent smiles at the *CROWD*.

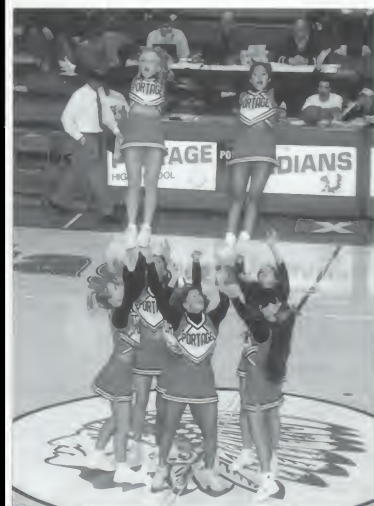
TAKING home a third place trophy at nationals, the team poses for a celebration *PICTURE*.

C. turner



THE cheerleaders walk out to the field. They are ready to cheer their boys on to a **VICTORY**.

THE girls get the crowd involved in a cheer. Junior Maria Lozano depends on her teammates to support **HER**.



YOU JOIN?

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What Made



They asked me to join, and it looked like it was fun, so I did.

—Lela Vargas—

I enjoy dancing and gymnastics in one sport.

—Kendee Mula—



I just tried out and I made it.

—Andrea Hladik—

For the opportunity to cheer and display school spirit.

—Aimee Sauer—



SUPPORT your teammates girls! There goes sophomore Briana Klimek and junior Maria Lozano as they fall into the arms of their friends and **TEAMMATES**.

BEFORE every match, the team joins together to show not only their team *spirit*, but also a sense of *UNITY*.

PRACTICE made perfect for junior Biljana Jasnica. Jasnica played varsity doubles this *SEASON*.



S. L. stanfield

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ABOUT TENNIS...

Students divulge confidential info

My favorite thing



I like that the coaches work with us on an individual basis. They really care.

Crystal Delgado 12

This is my first year on the team, and the older girls are so helpfull!

Inaqualine Barum 9



Tennis is an individual sport, but we never stop being a team.

Christine Barum 11

I love the team! We're like a family and we're all very close!

Kristina Pelousis 9



DUE to weather, the girls were often forced to practice in the blistering cold. Here, junior Michelle Kruger "warms up" in her winter **APPAREL**.

S. L. stanfield



Tennis Anyone?

Written

Shandra Stanfield

A close team in an individual sport.

The 2001-2002 season was a memorable one for members of the tennis team even though coach Vanessa George was faced with tough decisions when she decided to make cuts for the team. The previous year there was a whopping fifty members on the combined varsity and junior varsity teams. This year, with only twenty-one players, the coaches and players alike benefited by having a much smaller team. "Since the team was so much smaller this year, we were all able to become much closer," said junior Suzanna Harman. Even members who were new to the team agreed that the team unity was very strong.

The captain position this year was held by senior Julie Green. "Julie is very soft-spoken, but she stepped up when she needed to. She was a great captain," said Coach George. Julie also held the number

one singles position. In the end, Green made the All Conference team for the second year in a row.

A team who also had their turn in the limelight, was that of juniors Biljana Jasnick and Suzanna Harman. The pair played in the number one doubles position in sectionals, and advanced all the way to the championship tournament. The team lost in the final match against LaPorte, but they had already made their team proud.

The record book this season does not do the justice that the team deserves. Although the girls were far from undefeated, coaches and players agree that there were major improvements from previous years. The team was the closest it has ever been, and due to size, coaches and players were able to work together on a more personal and individual level.



S. L. Stanfield

IT was one extreme to the other for the tennis team. As soon as the snow melted it was time for shorts and tank tops, as junior Suzanna Harman shows *HERE*.

LONG before the team began practicing outside, the girls were at work inside. Varsity player Katie Danskin conditions with the *TEAM*.

S. L. Stanfield

CONCENTRATION and patience are skills that every good golfer needs. A little time on the putting green might pay off on the **COURSE**.

Playing the Links

Written

by Chelle Conn

*Skill, dedication and
patience needed*

Many question whether or not golf is a "real" sport. Well, it is. Golf requires many of the same physical and mental requirements as football or basketball. Golf is not a fast moving sport, which leads people to believe that it is not physically demanding. Contrary to popular belief, golf requires its participants to be physically fit. Stereotypically golfers use golf carts to move about on the course and to carry their golf clubs. This is not true of the Portage High School boys golf team. Mental strength is also vital to golf. 'How difficult is it to hit a golf ball' asks many. The answer is, harder than you think. Physically and mentally. Imagine hitting a baseball, walking 50 to 100 feet, hitting the baseball again, walking another 50 to 100 feet. Do this anywhere.

It also takes a great deal of concentration. Golf is a long game. It takes a person with

a great amount of patience and dedication to make it through a single golf match, not to mention a whole season.

The golf team is as dedicated as any other team at Portage from 10 to 20 times and that is an idea as to how difficult golf is. It also takes a great deal of concentration. Golf is a long game. It takes a person with a great amount of patience and dedication to make it through a single golf match, not to mention a whole season.

The golf team is as dedicated as any other team at Portage. The golf team practices just as much as any other team.. They have just as many matches, and hold a record as good as the rest of the sports teams at Portage.

Many consider golf to not be a sport. Those who participate would beg to differ. The young golf idol Tiger Woods sums it up saying, "Golf is hard work."

PEOPLE might think that golf is an individual sport. Here the golf team strolls down the fairway during a **PRACTICE**.





WHEN most think about the proper golfing attire, they think about polo shirts and golf shoes. Stocking caps are considered *OPTIONAL*.

GOLF is a game that many can play, but few can master. Senior Jeremy Williams concentrates before he tees *OFF*.



THE quest to find the result of the drive begins. If a golfer doesn't pay attention, it is easy to lose the *BALL*.



A Team of One

OVER every mark, senior Lindsay O'Rourke nears closer to the finish. Her efforts helped her achieve state finalist in the 800m RUN.

Written

Priscilla Hernandez

Girls turn to each other for motivation and support.

With a final team record of three to four, the track and field athletes accomplished team as well as individual success. Every event whether being long jump, shot put, high jump, relay, hurdle, dash, or run contributed to the overall record for the year. Girls from each grade level made an impact on the team even if she they were not one of the top finalists or champion.

Possessing positive attitudes, the girls made the best of the season and had fun while doing so. The girls turned to each other for support and advice during the season. The team competed as one not focusing on individuals to do all the work. The top finalists and champions led the team towards success.

Head coach, Mark Harsha along with the three varsity assistants, Jay White, Patty Begley, and Tony Klimczak also aided

the team giving them confidence and advice. The coaches practiced the girls hard which prepared them for the upcoming meets and invites.

With all of the practice, support, and confidence, the team was able to place fifth among sixteen teams at the Penn track invitational. Every athlete had a good performance and represented Portage well. Placing second in the shot put, senior Erin Rooney was one of the top three finalist in the invite. Together the team went home proud well deserving of their praise.

Unity was evident in most athletic teams during the school year. The girl's track and field team exemplified how working together can result in great triumph. They displayed good sportsmanship and modeled how students can depend on each other for motivation and support.



THE long jump requires both skill and power to be done well. Senior Aishah Muhammad demonstrates both in this **COMPETITION**.

FROM the ground, senior Gretchen Hargarten is in the air for only a few seconds but it feels like almost a minute for HER.





UNDER deep concentration,
sophomore Megan Myers strides
past the other **OPPONENTS**.

EVERY year students are challenged
with hard practices and competi-
tions. Freshman Sarah Harris, Leah
Bearss, and Katie Nelson are ready
for the **FIGHT**.



TALENT can only explain her
accomplishments. Junior Alice
Wozniak made Portage Relay
as well as conference champion
in high **JUMP**.

WITH great determination,
sophomore Erica Lopez strives
for success over every hurdle.
Her hard work made her the
Penn Invite Champion for
300m **HURDLES**.



Journey to State

Written

by Shandra Stanfield

*Young team proves to be
more mature than expected*

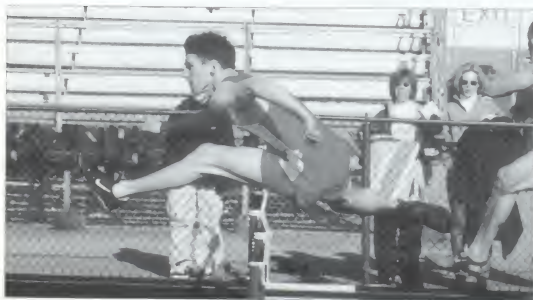
The 2002 boys track team was self-proclaimed to be a "young team" consisting mostly of underclassmen without experience. Nonetheless, the team managed to accomplish an outstanding season.

The boys maintained an excellent record, leading up to the Duneland Conference Championship. The boys finished fourth overall at the conference, which was led by the 4 by 800 meter relay team of seniors Adam Ritter, Michael Urbanik, Steven Helpingstine and junior Cuyler Simmons. The team broke a DAC record.

Next came the Regional Championship. Twenty-six athletes had advanced from sectionals to Regionals. The 4 by 800 relay

team did another great job, along with junior Kyle Sweeney, who placed first in the 110 hurdles. While these boys were on the track, others were working hard on the field. Place winners included senior Justin Powell in the shot put, junior Eric Smith in the discus, junior Eric Berry in the pole vault, and many more. The Indians finished runner-up at the Regionals and qualified one relay team, and five individual events to proceed to the State Finals.

Because the team only graduated a few seniors this season, the team looks forward to familiar faces and experience for next year, with fond memories and pride from this season.



THE race is on as junior Kyle Sweeney takes the lead in the 300 hurdles. Sweeney set a new PHS record in the event this SEASON.

THE baton is passed to senior Craig Foster in the 4 by eight-hundred meter relay. The team placed first in the EVENT.





THE pole vault is a tough event for many, but not too tough for sophomore Joseph Montoleone, here, soaring over the **TOP**.

THE eight pound ball is no feat for shot-putter Steven Budkis, junior. Here, he forcefully tosses the heavy **BALL**.



FAVE EVENT?

Students divulge confidential info

What is your



Although I like long distance running, I like pushing myself in the 400.

Patrick Kennedy, Jr.



It's got to be the 400 meter dash because it is the only event that I can run decently.

Richard Fellers, Jr.

The 110H and 300H hurdles. It requires more effort and skill than just sprinting.

Kyle Thompson, Jr.



I like the 4 by 400 meter relay. It is a race for the strongest athletes.

Paul Watson, Jr.



THERE is more to track than running. Here, senior Patrick Kennedy shows off his field skills in the **LONG-JUMP**.

Softball

Written

by Shandra Stanfield

The Indians bring home the Class 3A sectional title

The 2002 softball team had some standards that they needed to live up to this season. It had been two conference seasons since the Portage Indians had held a title. It was time for the girls to step up and make a mark for themselves again.

The girls started out strong, winning seven games straight, but seemed to fall into a mid-season drought, having lost three of the next five. The girls came back though, winning nine games straight. Then it was onto the sectionals. The team played an amazing round, eventually winning against the Merrillville Pirates 6-1. The win earned the Indians the Class 3A Sectional title that the team had been working for and so obviously deserved. In the end, the team suffered a loss at regionals, missing their shot to go on to state.

The team was led this year by five amazing seniors: Jeanette Piehl, Tracie

Korbar, Randi Leggett, Nicole Dearing, and Caitlin Groves. "It's great being a senior on the team. We get to eat first at team dinners and get the good seats on the busses and stuff like that, but it's also a lot of responsibility," said Piehl.

Underclassmen, as well as coaches, looked to the seniors for guidance and help.

Luckily, the five seniors stepped up and did their jobs. Two of the girls, Piehl and Korbar, were chosen to play on the Indiana all-star team. Only thirty-two girls from the entire state are asked to play for the teams. The Indians, as well as the city of Portage, are proud of the girls and wish them luck. The girls will be missed next year, but many of the underclassmen will carry memories and advice the girls left behind.



S.L. stanfield

AS the pitch is thrown, sophomore Heather Ramian takes her lead from first base, ready to steal **SECOND**.



S.L. stanfield

WITH the umpire hovering over her, sophomore catcher Elizabeth Robbins prepares for the **PITCH**.

LEARNED?

Students divulge confidential info



Our team is a family. We have all learned from each other. Most of all, I have learned to trust my whole team.

Nicole Mitchell (J)

I now know what it takes to be successful, not only in athletics, but also in life.

Jeanette Piehl (J)



I have learned a lot about myself and how to deal with pressure. I have also made a lot of amazing friends.

Nicole Mitchell (J)

I have learned things that apply to everyday life, such as sportsmanship and how to be a team player.

Nicole Mitchell (J)



THE ball flew down the baseline as senior Tracie Korbar made contact and headed for first BASE.



S.L. stanfield

INFIELDERS gather on the mound at the beginning of each inning to wish each other good LUCK.

S.L. stanfield

TWO varsity players, seniors Randi Legget and Jeanette Piehl, hang out in the dugout and cheer on their TEAMMATES.

S.L. stanfield



Boys of Summer

Written

Reid Amones

*Indians go to twin lakes
tournament championship*

The Indians Baseball team made great strides throughout the 2002 baseball season. Although the team started off very competitively they did not get the wins that they wanted to start their season off with. Therefore this did not give the Indians much to look forward to.

One highlight, which was the biggest highlight of their season, was going to the Twin Lakes Tournament Championship and winning. The first team Portage played Peru and defeated them 10-6. After trailing late in the game 6-3, the Indians rallied for 7 unanswered runs in the final two frames. Then in the Championship game, the Indians knocked off Maconaquah 4-3. Over the last 10 games of season, Portage won 6 and lost 4 games, each by 1 run.

Other highlights included shutouts against

Lake Station, Morton, and Gavit High Schools. Individually, senior Sean Hassett won the team MVP. Senior Dan DeHaven was awarded the Gold Glove Award as the best fielder for the second year in a row. Another senior, Tony Robb, won the Fireball Award for being the most dominant pitcher. Junior David Federodt was named the Most Improved Player. Frank Dranchak won the Excellence in Academics Award for the senior with the highest academic achievements and last but not least, Nathan Bryan was the recipient of the inaugural Big Stick Award. Even though the Indians record was 9 wins and 20 losses overall and 2 wins and 12 losses in the Duneland Athletic Conference, the team still managed to play well at times during the season.

Hey, what about

BASEBALL?

Students divulge confidential info



This year we didn't do as well as we could have.

Justin Morrison

It was the year of greatness.



Adam T. Smith



Hopefully next year will be a good rebuilding year.

Alexander Gammie

We're a very young team and next year will be ours.



Mike Ryan

WITH a look of determination on his face, senior Daniel Baker throws in a strong pitch hoping to pitch a **strike OUT**.



BEFORE someone from the other team can get on base senior Mark Oresik attempts to catch the ball before the other team *SCORES*.

CONCENTRATING on the game, the coaches and team members eagerly watch to see what happens *NEXT*.



WHILE watching the game junior Amanda Hagan and senior Emily Garnett keep score and stay *WARM*.

WITH a watchful eye on the ball junior Raymond Przybysz patiently waits for the batter to strike *OUT*.

Hockey Club



Front Row: Brandon Jordan, David Besner Middle Row: Ivanetl Prussecki, Michael Kane, Jesse Sklarz, Alex Mastak, Chris Hopper, Brad Prostok, Dan Malone Back Row: Coach Jonathan Hopper, Tim Sklarz, Greg Muldrew, Mike Narrocia, John Kinsland, Brad Prostok, Josh Davich, Josh Watkins, Jackson Farley, Matt Neswick, Murray Mastak

Girls Golf



Karl Campbell, Nanda Nelson, Jeanette Moore, Jesse Lazar, Katie Busch, Carly Ritsch, Michelle Carmichael, Crystal Belgoda, Kelly Higgins, Ashleigh Oatswell, Sarah Rouch, Jennifer Rance, Anna Rivera, Whitney Lyall, Landa Sefanson, and Head Coach Tom Mikalovic

Boys Tennis



Marc Jones, Andrew Mullen, Ryan Twilla, Alan Wang, Kevin Arnold, Joe Gibson, Kevin Wall, Matthew Engel, Joe Arnold, Joe Kittle, Kevin Dixon, Anthony Lutzgren, Billy Manoski, Eric Michaels, Gilbert Sanchez, Frankie Sanchez, Robert Zibkowski, Assistant Coach Jeff Krog, Assistant Coach Bob Blassey, and Head Coach Vanessa George

Girls Cross Country



Danielle Gingerich, Cassie Vandergriff, Amy Samuelsen, Tracy Markwell, Heather Markwell, Katie Nelson, Sarah Harris, Megan Royce, Leah Beers, Lindsay O'Rourke, Stephanie Krasick, Gretchen Hargarten, Lindsay Abram, Maureen Pull, Amanda Massow, and Coach Marvel, head Coach Parby Begley and Assistant Coach Christina Chandler

City	Score	W/L
Valparaiso Invite	100-105	A
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Boys Cross Country



Rob Bartley, Steve Heljungsstroe, Alex Pussen, Brett Spofien, Jason Kellits, and Dan Smetzer, John Clay, Chris Eriksson, Grady Foster, Alex Mulvihill, Adam Rhee, Gayler Steenons, Mike Orbanick, and Brian Westerkamp, Dan Altona, Brandon Bowman, Fabian Garaballa, Dan Delgaves, D.J. Bohner, Kurt Hoffmann, Billy Jacob, Steve Kowalczyk, Matt MacLuskey, Dan McLean, Eric Mundt, Kevin Parkerson, Doug Reynolds, Mike Schmitz, Greg Westerkamp, Eric Wring, and Andy Zehn, head coach Jeff Smezyak and Assistant Coach Sara Smezyak

Freshman Volleyball



Nicole Gattito, Ashley Graft, Jessica Michlitz, Rebecca Turpin, Ashley Tambleba, Ashley Smith, Vanessa Mayfield, Lisa Hansen, Almee Bass, Jessica Riffeit, Jessica Guffey, Tiffany Edwards, Thure Parker, head coach Jenny Fekebe, Assistant Coach Bob Mather

JV Volleyball



Jenny Green, Cynthia Harscott, Megan Kim, Joanne Benson, Nicole McDonald, Gattito Greenes, Julie Green, Nikki Planners, Kasia Nyquist, Leigh Gatten, Lauren Bernissen, Megan Myers, Erikka Smetzer, Priscilla Hansen, Tiffany Johnson, Kara Hansen, Jung Samyulweil, Miranda Tambleba, Shireenah Seick, Christine Luciani, Kara Lase, Manager Nichole Carson, Manager Amber Butala, head coach Christine Olson, and Assistant Coach Sylvia Krummer

Varsity Volleyball



Team	Score	W/L
Team Nelson Senior	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
Northville	25-50	L
Garret Insite	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
Westland	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
New Prairie Insite	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
Chesil West City @ Chesil	20-25, 15-50	L
Wolver Insite	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
Robert Valley @ Robert	20-33, 15-45	L
Windsor Insite	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
West @ West City	2nd to Chesil	L
Central @ New Prairie	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L
Scott State @ New Prairie	1 set/0 (1 set/0)	L

Team	Score	W/L
Robert	15-8, 15-1	W
Washington Twp.	15-8, 15-1	W
WV	10-15, 7-15	L
WV	15-8, 15-1	W
Northville	15-10, 15-4	L
Lake Central	2-15, 15-15	L
Michigan City T	2-0, 15-0 (1 set/0)	W
Windsor	15-15, 15-7	L
Windsor	0-2	L
Northville	2-0	W
Griffith	2-0	W
Village Tourney	2-0, 2-1 (1 set/0)	W

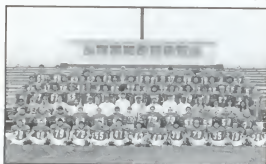
Team	Score	W/L
WV	1-2 (1 set/0)	L
Marquette	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
JV @ Village	0-2 (2 set/0)	L
Lawell	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Robert	12-0 (1 set/0)	W
Laguardia Insite	1-1	5th place
South Central	1-2 (1 set/0)	L
Windsor Tourney	2-0, 1-2 (2 set/0)	5th place
Lake Central	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Windsor	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Anderson	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Green Point	1-3 (1 set/0)	L
Kankakee Valley	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Chesil West	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Michigan City	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
Windsor	1-0 (2 set/0)	L
WV	1-1 (1 set/0)	L
Windsor	1-2 (1 set/0)	L
Central @ Robert	1-2 (1 set/0)	L

All rosters, results, and photos supplied by the team's coaching staff

Freshman Football



JV/Varsity Football



Mike Jaszczko, Brad Kemp, Roster Brown, Mark Scheuer, Jake McCormick, David Larson, Nathan Hesselgrave, Mitchell Kancher, Jimmy Zentlik, Jeremy Wilson, Jacob Atkins, Alfredo Sanchez, Zach Bohlting, Josh Henry, Ron Spear, Andrew Tranchesi, Dan Warren, Steve Giesert, Kyle Wenzel, Derek Andrews, Steve Nagler, Frank Quarles, Kris Erdman, Pat Matney, Moab Telford, Manuel Altosa, Andy Buzcek, John Knochel, Anthony Espinoza, Mark Hallman, Pat Hurd, Mark Moore, Greg Knochel, Brad Markus, Shaun Toome, Warren Riley, Joe Almon, Eric Brito, Zach Mazur, Josh Rosendahl, John Rosney, Steven Rosenbaum, David Rydman, Steve Puskas, Mike Carroll, Mark Heltzgrastine, David Stapples, Brandon Melick, Matt Pfeiz, and Steve Hughes, head coach. Jay Hodge, Assistant Coach Anthony Harper and Assistant Coach Mark Harsha.

Jesse Harrell, Dan Paulsen, Joe Monteleone, Miliano Rivera, John Camery, Jake Hussain, Eric A. Smith, Shawn Sparks, Armando Heland, Brock Shipley, Tom Peets, Tracy Chapman, Jonelle Galtin, Kyle Andrey, Kyle Sonotky, Steve Vaughn, Dave Hennes, Dan Poetig, Russ Nontzke, Mike Pargus, Aaron McKiffey, Matt Sapp, Matt Soderits, Adam Hustak, Tony Crist, Brian Nagler, Paul Reed, Claude Severs, Kris Karungu, Mark Fleming, David Waring, Frank Kiser, AJ Jenzonski, Justin Powell, Eric A. Smith, Jarrrell Hubbard, Steve Jones, Scott Bohman, Ryan Kirtley, Nathan Kreshelk, Josh Bacha, Matt Hammond, Aaron Schmitt, Pat Kennedy, Brett Barnes, Erik Schuch, Nick Williams, Paul Perry, Leon McKall, Dan Martinez, Bryan Fielder, Tony Robbins, Sean Hall, Justin Roman, Trent Batta, Lersch, Jake Lersch, Kyle Karakants, Nick Serrano, Eric York, Stanley Samowski, Dan Valquez, Jake Parker, Jeremy Luggert, Matt Peles, Brandon Gargel, Mike Luciw, Jerry Roeder, Truther Nicole Ayala, Truther Holly Spacht, Truther Shannon Panigan, Truther Amanda Schanbacher, Truther Ashley Seibel, and head coach Craig Buzen.

Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
East Chicago	H	75-0	W
Lake Central	A	13-0	W
Crown Point	H	26-0	W
Chesterton	A	10-0	W
Michigan City	H	20-0	W
Valparaiso	H	14-0	W
Lafayette	H	10-0	W

Junior Varsity	Opp	H/A	Score	W/L
	Crown Point	H	27-0	W
	Chesterton	A	26-0	W
	Michigan City	H	20-0	W

Varsity Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
East Chicago Central	A	50-0	W
Lake Central	A	75-0	W
Lafayette	H	74-0	W
Merrillville	A	28-0	W
Crown Point	H	51-0	W
Chesterton	A	51-14	W
Michigan City	H	33-3	W
Valparaiso	H	14-0	W
Sectional/ Valparaiso	H	57-14	W

Girls Swimming and Diving



Debbie Roberts, Kendall Miller, Amber Sales, Morgan Eldahl, Peria Morales, Andria Wular, Krystle Pave, Sarah Harris, Jennifer Knudsen, Kendall Kross, Jessica Mills, Thore Parker, Ashley Edwards, Tracy White, Sarah Samolina, Kara Gibson, Michelle Kline, Kristy Stintnick, Elizabeth Stinko, Nikki Keith, Lloyd Gower, Tammy Pantagones, Jesse Sosa, Lynda Watson, Ashley Gwager, Katie Hammond, Miranda West, Assistant Coach Melanie Peda, and head coach Tim Samers.

Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Lafayette Varsity	H	85-100	W
Highland G&J Varsity	H	45-121	W
Crown Point G&J	H	24-101	W
Chesterton G&J Varsity	H	48-117	W

Boys Swimming and Diving



Dan Alzona, Phil Gwager, Max Patterson, Kyle Geddes, Steve Komulczyk, Eric Mundt, Dan Baker, Eric Berry, Aaron Clark, Rob Bailey, Jim Gardner, John Gardner, Brian Kalarz, Dan Halben, Geoffrey Kallman, Jason Nelson, Bill Stinko, Jason Stinko, David Spack, Adam Velazquez, Dan Velazquez, Manager Barb Stinson, Head Coach Ralph Mundt, Assistant Coach John Zack.

Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Lafayette Varsity	H	117-60	W
Crown Point G&J Varsity	A	81-105	W
Crown Point G&J	H	81-83	W
Valparaiso Boys	H	95-50	W
Chesterton G&J Varsity	H	61-125	W

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Wrestling



Freshman Girls Basketball



JV/Varsity Girls Basketball



Freshman Boys Basketball



Team	W/L	Score	Opponent	W/L
Marquette	4	80-52	St. Albans	1-0
Lebanon	4	68-40	St. Albans	1-0
Norwich	4	62-38-50	St. Albans	1-0
St.	4	68-40	St. Albans	1-0

Jessica Riffert, Tara Pivaruk, Tiffany Faneels, Brittany Espinoza, Leah Bours, Whitney Hill, Sarah Orlich, Crystal Driver, Stevie Chaddock, Angel Wilkin, Lisa Hansen, Manager Adam Gough, Assistant Coach Heather Castle, and Head Coach Tim Pivaruk

Team	W/L	Score	Opponent	W/L
Lebanon	4	52-40	St. Albans	1-0
Marquette	4	51-37	St. Albans	1-0
Lebanon	4	68-40	St. Albans	1-0
Lebanon	4	68-40	St. Albans	1-0
Marquette	4	50-40	St. Albans	1-0
W. Lehigh	4	50-40	St. Albans	1-0
W. Lehigh	4	50-40	St. Albans	1-0
W. Lehigh	4	50-40	St. Albans	1-0

Christina Kuznetsov, Kristal Riquel, Nathan Ritchie, Amy Samplowski, Nicole McDonald, Lindsay Abram, Emily Saksstrom, Amy Samplowski, Karly Ritchie, Nicole Tiessemer, Leigh Goffin, Caitlin Ausman, Nicole Hearling, Heather Markwell, Manager Amy Becker, Kara Campbell, Nicole Goffin, Kara Warner, Kara Laine, Tracy Markwell, Jessica Medina, Sarah Ruch, Anna Rivera, Danielle Kicker, Autumn Sinker, Kristian Milk, Head Coach Renee Turpa, Assistant Coach Doug Nelson, Assistant Coach Bob Mather, Assistant Coach Tim Pivaruk, Assistant Coach Heather Castle

Team	W/L	Score	Opponent	W/L
Marquette	4	7-36	St. Albans	1-0
Marquette	4	68-40	St. Albans	1-0

Matt Engel, T.J. Pooner, Jake Bryan, Brad Markos, Jake Huston, Kevin Pivan, Steve Rosenbaum, Chris Bartley, David Staples, Mark Scherer, Mike Kirk, Steve Hapack, Kyle Delaney, Joel Shumowski, Jonathan Sanchez, Matt Rio, Mitch Thifford, Kris Emsworn, Mark Jones, Manager Anne Bass, Manager Geni Nimech, Manager Mike Heflingstine, Coach Dick Kretz, Coach Jeff King

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball



Justin Ortiz, Matt Martinez, Chad Valentine, Basier Batdreal, Sean Hassett, Adam Nastak, Frank Knez, Mike Supp, Dan Paulsen, Joe Gorman, Allan Nagy, Craig Foster, Eric Spurr, Anthony Leal, Milton Rivera, Zach Bryan, Lorenzo Lopez, Terry Krutetski, Bill Manoski, Mike Steege, Steve Vaughn, Kyle Andreg, and Manager Nettie Olejczak

Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Valerme	H	54-53 (OT) 55-46	N/A
Monter	H	52-37 (OT) 58-53	2/0
St. Thomas	A	57-51	N
Michigan City Tourny	A	58-53	N
Michigan City Tourny	A	57-45	1
LaPorte	A	55-48 (OT) 57-46	1/1
Cheslerda	A	55-40 (OT) 57-38	1/0
Michigan City	A	57-50 (OT) 66-49	2/0

JV Girls Tennis



Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Anderson	H	4-5	1/1
Roscoe Grove	H	9-1	N

Varsity Girls Tennis



Kristen Ferris, Michelle Krueger, Nichole Wallingford, Priscilla Ramos, Carrie Barnum, Joelle Barnum, Julie Green, Suzanne Harmon, Brittany Jassie, Cassandra Vandergriff, Katie Andrews, Crystal Delgado, Angie Eichensher, Natalie Finnegan, Tiffany Molanly, Kristina Pekovic, Sarah Rogers, Kristen Stewart, Rita Trevino, Karen Villacra, Caitlin Wolstra, Head Coach Vanessa George

Opp.	H/A	Score	W/L
Anderson	H	9-0, 2/0-5	1/1
Roscoe Grove	H	1-3, 2/1-1	N/A

Boys Golf



Joe Hadle, Eric Spurr, Chris Gomez, Chris Casson, Joe Arnold, Matt Martinez, Jeremy Williams, Joel Stamkowski, Mike Knickerbocker, John Hoffmann, Brian Blommethe, Paul Davy, Carlos Garza, John Andrews, Jake McCormick, Head Coach Tom Wells

Opp.	H/A	Score (x. ty)	W/L
Monter General		298-193, 183-256	W, W
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Girls Track

Isha Lean, Nicole Lopez, Brook Mathews, Megan Myers, Christy Seale, Sara Wilkins, Leah Pearss, Nikki Flannery, Sarah Grand, Gretchen Hargarten, Sarah Harris, Jessica Lazar, Erin Lopez, Ronnie Marvel, Lindsay O'Rourke, Maureen Pull, Erin Rowley, Megan Rouse, Amy Ryan, Allison Seibler, Jessi Sosa, Nicole Tessenier, Carla Vargas, Alice Wornick, Aly Zander/Wet, Lindsay Abram, Rebecca Bradford, Nicole Galtito, Michelle Garas, Jennifer Edmonds, Kara Koltson, Christina Luzzano, Katie Nelson, Mandy Rivera, Elizabeth Seifert, and Head Coach Mark Harsha



Boys Track

Glen Brattisa, To Mahoe, Andy Zaba, Bryan Gilbert, Josh Kholen, Eric Brink, Adam Puskevitch, David Staples, Brandon Garquet, Frank Witmeh, Chris Papachrontos, Rob Bailey, Chris Erickson, Craig Foster, Steve Heltagostoe, Matt McLuskey, Doug Reynolds, Adam Rieber, Gaylor Simons, Mike Urbank, Brian Westerkamp, Jason Willis, Kyle Sweeney, Paul Watson, Eric Berry, Pat Kennedy, Eric Smith, Steve Backus, Matt Newton, Justin Powell, Steve Vaughn, Alan Fessy, Fabian Garaballa, Mike Carroll, Ricky Galtins, Scott Galtville, Chris Gurtel, Michael Guss, Eric Johnson, Daniel Alaux, Brandon Bowman, Steve Kowalock, Ivan McKane, Ryan Mueller, Eric Mundt, Kevin Parkerson, Alex Passa, Dan Smeltzer, Brett Spoden, Ivan Korman, Alex Clark, Jake Lersch, Ed McGee, Jerry Rocha, Donnie Galtito, Randy Campbell, Kyle Devaney, John Korpach, Doug Macleewicz, Tom Potts, John Rowley, Moah Telford

JV Softball



Varsity Softball



Opp	W/L	Score	W/L
Wethigan City (J & V)	N	10-0	
Chesterdon (J & V)	N	7-4, 12-4	
Highland (J & V)	N	0-1, 14-3	
Warren (J & V)	A	0-2	
Truena Pointe (J & V)	N	0-2, 1-2	
Lafayette (J & V)	N	4-0, 15-0	
E.V. (V)	N	11-0, 13-0	
Wentworth (J & V)	N	11-7, 18-0	
Volant (J & V)	A	3-0, 11-0	
Wethigan City (J & V)	A	7-0, 12-0	
Pearl (J & V)	N	0-4, 0-3	
Chesterdon (J & V)	N	0-1, 4-3	
Truena Pointe (J & V)	N	1-0	
Lafayette (J & V)	A	5-4, 18-1	
Lake General (J & V)	N	0-1	
Valparaiso (J & V)	N	3-1, 8-1	
Northway Journey (V)	A	5-0	
Wentworth (J & V)	N	11-1, 1-0	

Alex Hansen, Cynthia Husselt, Anna Rivera, Heather Rasmussen, Kara Warner, Becca Wyatt, Nicole McDonald, Tracy Korbar, Galtito Groves, Danielle Moore, Patsy Robbins, Amanda Massow, Jeaneette Prehl, Cristin Zarogova, Nicole Hearn, Jen Lowe, Rachel Leggett, Emily Safstrom, Carly Ristich, Jess Gale, Amy Samplawski, Shannon Phanogun, Abbie Naylor, Jesse Helonick, Veronika Gilburn, Jess Riffert, Paige Ray, Terri Hartington, Denise Singh, Jess Medhoo, Rebecca Meyers, Kara Phoenix, Tracy Markwell, Galtito Ramirez, Jen Kite, Kelly Haggins, Kim Woodard, Jen Owen, and Head Coach Jeff Smith

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Varsity Baseball

Varsity Opp.	Baseball	W/L	Score
Winnipeg	H	1-0	
Chesawton	A	8-0	
Boone Grove (D.H.)	A	2-0, 4-6	
Lake Sturgeon	H	11-0	
Crown Point	A	1-11	
LaPine	A	4-8	
Valparaiso	H	11-0	
Caon	A	6-9	
Merrillville	H	0-4	
Hobart	H	6-7	
Mishigan City	H	1-8	
Chesawton	H	3-10	
Crown Point	H	10-4	
LaPine	H	0-5	
Valparaiso	A	0-9	
E.C. Central	H	1-4	
Merrillville	A	1-9	
St. Joseph	A	8-6	
Hobart	A	6-0	
Turn Lake-Tourney	A	10-6, 4-1	
Morton	H	11-0	
Highland	H	4-1	
Secrestal @ Merrillville	A	1-1	

Varsity Opp.	Baseball	W/L	Score	W/L
Winnipeg	A	0-0		
Chesawton	H	0-0		
Boone Grove	H	0-0		
Lake Sturgeon	A	0-0		
Crown Point	A	0-0		
LaPine	H	0-0		
Valparaiso	H	0-0		
Caon	H	0-0		
Merrillville	H	0-0		
Hobart	H	0-0		
Mishigan City	H	0-0		
Chesawton	H	0-0		
Crown Point	H	0-0		
LaPine	H	0-0		
Valparaiso	H	0-0		
E.C. Central	H	0-0		
Merrillville	H	0-0		
St. Joseph	H	0-0		
Hobart	H	0-0		
Turn Lake-Tourney	H	0-0		
Morton	H	0-0		
Highland	H	0-0		
Secrestal	H	0-0		

JV Baseball



Kevin Dixon, Zachary Bohling, Brian Blanton, Alfredo Sanchez, Daniel Zenich, Daniel Grotzky, Mark Scheuer, Marc Jones, Kristopher Eastrom, Rob Kneewyck, Peter Hubbard, Jacob Houston, Mark Metz, Lucas Trivette, Daniel Bibb, Head Coach David Ortz

Varsity Boys Soccer



Brian Blanton, Henry Kapanicki, Mitchell Adams, Justin Wood, Brett Bernes, Kyle Riley, Anthony Lead, Steve Wojacki, Garrett Pendleton, David Retsen, Tim Hyde, Joel Slankowski, Jake Bryan, James Terpstra, Kyle Ivan, Daniel Bibb, Jay Beckham, Ryan Campbell, Nick Hamann, Michael Hinz, Chou Tran, John Andrews, Paul Cherepa, Daniel Retsen, Zack Kousen, Nick Kuntz, Andy Bennett, Terry Easton, Steve Gimbaltovich, Vido Ivanovic, Daniel Labov, Kyle Sweeney, Jeremy Gordon, Justin Olsen, Nathan Zaitkovski, Adam Vigne, Michael Kirk, Anthony Edwards, Dennis Brubaker, Head Coach Andy Yoko, Assistant Coach Bob Laramie

JV Boys Soccer



Varsity Opp.	Baseball	W/L	Score	W/L
Winnipeg	H	0-0		
Chesawton	H	0-0		
Boone Grove	H	0-0		
Lake Sturgeon	A	0-0		
Crown Point	A	0-0		
LaPine	H	0-0		
Valparaiso	H	0-0		
Caon	H	0-0		
Merrillville	H	0-0		
Hobart	H	0-0		
Mishigan City	H	0-0		
Chesawton	H	0-0		
Crown Point	H	0-0		
LaPine	H	0-0		
Valparaiso	H	0-0		
E.C. Central	H	0-0		
Merrillville	H	0-0		
St. Joseph	H	0-0		
Hobart	H	0-0		
Turn Lake-Tourney	H	0-0		
Morton	H	0-0		
Highland	H	0-0		
Secrestal	H	0-0		

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Opp.	W/L	Score	W/L
Crown Point	L	3-4-1, JV 1-1	W-7E
Musster	W	3-4-0, JV 3-3	W-1
Libert	W	3-5-0, JV 3-0	W-W
Highland	L	3-5-0, JV 1-1	W-7E
Chesterian	L	1-1-2, JV 0-1	1-1
St. Joe	L	1-1-2, JV 2-1	1-W
Laporte	W	1-3-0, JV 5-0	W-W
Tippecanoe	L	1-2-0, JV 2-0	W-W
Merrillville	W	1-4-0, JV 5-1	W-W
Greener (V)	L	1-13-0	W
Sectional LaPorte	L	1-0-3	L

Opp.	W/L	Score	W/L
Union Pacific	W	7th place	
Libert	W	140.025-140.025	W
Michigan City	W	140.005-139.855	W
Wabash	L	140.255-139.955	W
Wayne Point	W	140.255-139.955	W
Merrillville	W	140.025-140.025	L
Greener	L	59.8-73.4	W
Tippecanoe	W	140.025-139.20	L
YVette (JV)	L	No Score	
Mc. Cook	L	9th place	
Greener	L	Qualifier to State 6th place	

Girls Soccer



Gymnastics

Trisha Sabock, Christine Kramper, Amy Engel, Renee Grant, Britana Klimek, Kandi Nugent, Julianne Regan, Angela Sabock, Roberta Vargas, Dianne Krenkel, Bonnie Kuss, Head Coach Shell Gibson, Assistant Coach Nikki Kuss

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Every last Bite

The hungry child stands in line, anticipating a book that he has been waiting on for a year. His stomach growls as he turns his head and smiles at the excitement on the faces of those around him. The server hands him his copy. He cracks the binding, not knowing exactly where to start, and he thumbs through. As he stares back at the crisp pages of the year before, the saliva in his mouth stirs through *every* pore and his lip slowly drops, lost in utter concentration. His mind uncontrollably bends towards this volumptuously tasty treat. It is an addiction and it is drawing him in. Letting the local names suck him in, his hand reaches for more. The *last* time he will ever see the book as a whole; he licks his lips and begins to break down his dish. Turning the pages of his entree, he finishes his meal, closing the book. Much to his surprise, he will warn the oncomers: this book will *bite* back.

SPEAKING OF GOOD TASTE, FOR EVERY HYPED

EVENT OF THE YEAR, STUDENTS ARE LIKELY TO

SEE A MOLLET, SPANDEX, AND A BOY IN GIRL

WEAR. SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, FOR THE EVENT

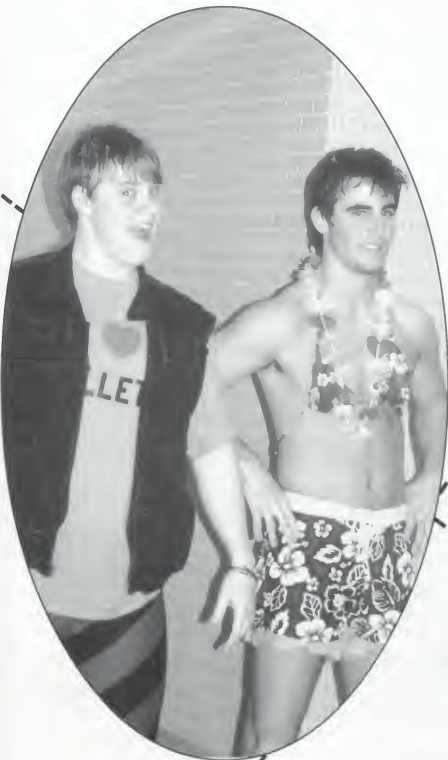
PICTURED HERE (the first ever Cardboard Boat
Regatta) SENIOR JEFF JONES, JOINED BY JUNIOR

ERIC SMITH, PLAYED THE PART. SPORTING HIS

WELL KNOWN MOLLET STYLE JONES WAS SEEN

NEXT TO SMITH, WHO WAS LEID AND READY FOR A

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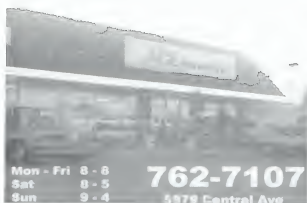
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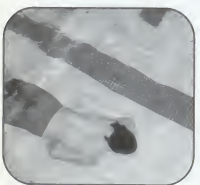
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underwent a different series of
experiences, each took advantage of
learning from their own mistakes and
successes. This sense of gained
wisdom aids each student in becoming
a more seasoned person. With all the
experience one acquires throughout
high school, it is no wonder how truly
imperative it is to stop and harvest
every moment. High school may be the
best of time of your life; high school
may be the worst time of your life, but
one thing is for certain: it is a time you
will never *FORGET*.



Colophon

Members of the 2002 Legend staff created the 61st edition of the student yearbook during fourth block, after school, and during the summer.

The 2002 LEGEND was printed by Herff-Jones in Mission City, Kansas. Mrs. Lisa Keene was the sales representative and Mrs. Julie Bogart was the plant consultant.

The yearbook consisted of 272 pages. The 1200 copies printed were made on 80 lb. gloss paper. The four color lithograph cover was designed by the staff and the help of a Herff Jones professional artist.

The theme of the yearbook was "Get a Hold of Your Senses" with every yearbook section possessed by a different sense. Album Section (sight) "Private Eye" Student Life (sound) "Drowning Out the Silence" Organizations Section (touch) "Lend a Hand" Sports Section (smell) "Victorious Aroma" Advertisements and Index Section (taste) "Every Last Bite" Design elements included the oval, dashed strokes, dotted strokes, hidden photo bts, and the first and last word of body copy standing out from the rest of the copy. The fonts Calligraph 421 BT, Knerrf, Papyrus, and Tahoma were used.

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(photo by)/12pt. Calligraph 421BT (scoreboard)/20pt. Calligraph 421BT, 8pt Juice ITC, 8pt. Papyrus, 8pt 12pt. 30pt. Tahoma (group picture)/8pt. Calligraph 421BT, 7.5pt 11pt. 14pt. Juice ITC Root Studios, 1131 West Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, was the official school photographer and produced some sports candids. Most photographs were taken by the yearbook staff and were developed in the publication darkroom. All photos unaccompanied by a photo by were taken by the professional photographers of Root Studios.

The yearbook was first sold during summer registration 2001 for \$30 each. The yearbooks increased in price \$5 per term thereafter. Yearbook advisor was Mr. Mark J. Karmel and the principal was Mr. Richard Kirchner.



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